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NEBRASKA Work Trends

March 1981

EMPLOYMENT BY STATE [1]

(Nonagricultural payroll data, in thousands)

State	Dec 1979	Nov 1980	Dec 1980 [2]	State	Dec 1979	Nov 1980	Dec 1980 [2]
Alabama	1,378.2	1,348.2	1,352.4	Montana [3]	285.3	282.8	282.0
Alaska	163.6	171.3	167.8	NEBRASKA [3]	641.3	633.2	632.3
Arizona	1,010.7	1,016.5	1,021.0	Nevada	394.7	405.0	400.8
Arkansas	757.8	755.0	755.4	New Hampshire	380.7	385.1	384.3
California	9,866.9	9,824.2	9,874.0	New Jersey	3,073.1	3,052.2	3,061.4
Colorado [3]	1,247.5	1,265.2	1,266.5	New Mexico	471.5	470.1	470.5
Connecticut	1,432.0	1,411.2	1,419.0	New York	7,271.6	7,216.0	7,223.0
Delaware	261.8	261.2	262.0	North Carolina	2,422.7	2,447.1	2,450.0
District of Columbia	624.1	617.0	620.0	North Dakota [3]	248.1	249.7	247.6
Florida	3,503.5	3,585.4	3,623.6	Ohio	4,534.3	4,453.9	4,445.5
Georgia	2,147.3	2,162.3	2,168.7	Oklahoma	1,122.1	1,151.1	1,155.0
Hawaii	407.4	405.1	407.9	Oregon [3]	[4]	1,036.2	1,027.0
Idaho	338.9	335.6	331.5	Pennsylvania	4,892.9	4,798.9	4,788.7
Illinois	4,866.6	4,798.2	4,796.5	Rhode Island	404.7	398.2	400.9
Indiana	2,219.9	2,244.6	2,239.4	South Carolina	1,198.7	1,188.7	1,191.9
Iowa [3]	1,145.4	1,100.8	1,097.6	South Dakota [3]	242.8	235.7	234.7
Kansas [3]	968.1	956.3	956.8	Tennessee	1,810.6	1,773.9	1,773.5
Kentucky	1,262.5	1,219.6	1,215.6	Texas	5,754.9	5,919.5	5,934.3
Louisana	1,525.8	1,576.2	1,581.6	Utah [3]	558.0	564.8	564.2
Maine	418.7	417.8	415.9	Vermont	202.7	202.9	203.8
Maryland	1,717.5	1,706.7	1,715.2	Virginia	2,128.1	2,142.8	2,148.2
Massachusetts	2,658.9	2,694.8	2,696.9	Washington	1,616.0	1,615.4	1,613.9
Michigan	3,626.3	3,534.9	[4]	West Virginia	659.7	636.3	635.0
Minnesota	1,807.4	1,790.2	1,784.9	Wisconsin	2,011.7	2,010.4	2,005.0
Mississippi	850.3	831.9	833.2	Wyoming	205.0	207.9	208.7
Missouri	2,014.0	1,985.7	1,980.4				
				Virgin Islands	36.6	36.1	36.7

1/ Source of data: Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, as presented in Monthly Labor Review, March 1981.

2/ Preliminary.

3/ Revised series; not strictly comparable with previously published data.

4/ Information not available.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

Occupational Employment Statistics (OES) Program

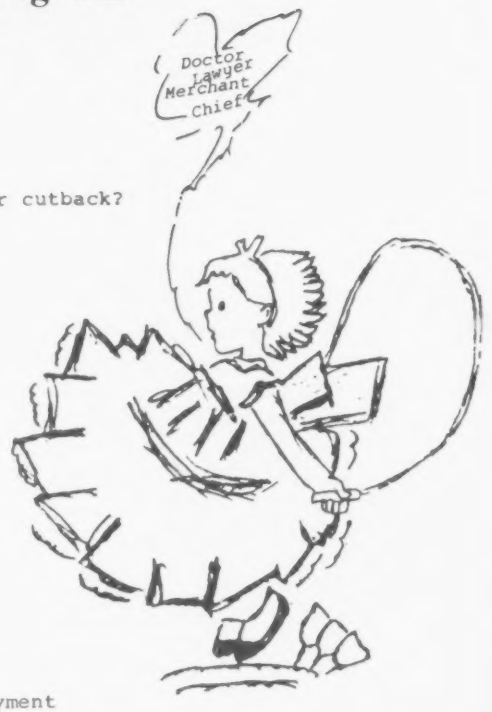
We are often asked for Nebraska:

What is the occupational mix within a specific industry?

What is the occupational makeup in the total labor force?

What occupations tend to be impacted by industrial expansion or cutback?

We do not have answers to these questions - - - - - which is the reason we need to add occupational information to our data bank for your occupational planning needs.



Basic occupational employment statistics program information is presented on the reverse side in a question and answer format.

OCCUPATIONAL EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS
FACT SHEET

QUESTION:	*ANSWER:*
Will all firms within an industry be sampled?	*No. From each industry approximately a 10% random sample will be drawn.*
What is the survey plan?	*This year (1981) a sampling of nonmanufacturing (mining, construction, insurance, real estate and services) will receive a survey form. A sampling of trade, transportation, communications and utilities establishments are scheduled to receive a form in 1982. A sampling of manufacturing establishments will receive a survey form in 1983.*
Will agriculture be included in the sample?	*No. However, agricultural services, as opposed to agriculture per se will be included in the sample.*
When will the questionnaires be mailed to a sampling of nonmanufacturing establishments in 1981?	*One-third of the establishments in the sample will receive a questionnaire in May - one-third will receive a questionnaire in June - one-third will receive a questionnaire in July.*
Will survey results be published?	*Yes. Occupational information will be published by industry (no firm identification) as each survey cycle is completed.*
How will the business community benefit?	*Employers who request occupational information tell us that business establishments who have to depend on interests, talents, and skills of workers have a need for occupational information. Educators and trainers use occupational information to assist them to prepare students for occupations that are realistic in terms of labor market demand. Occupational information is a vital tool for personnel management.*
How will the general public benefit?	*Workers preparing for a job or looking for a job need to know about occupations available in the labor force to choose occupations that they can perform, are willing to perform, and can derive satisfaction from performing. Occupational information is basic to effective vocational counseling and career guidance.*
Is this a mandatory program?	*NO. EMPLOYER PARTICIPATION IS STRICTLY VOLUNTARY. Your reply will be kept in strict confidence.*

ESTIMATES OF LABOR FORCE DATA [1/]

(Job Seekers and Job Holders - by Residence)

	Preliminary	Revised		Change From:	
	Mar 1981	Feb 1981	Mar 1980	Feb 1981	Mar 1980
NEBRASKA					
Civilian labor force	778,100	761,450	780,950	16,650	-2,850
Employment	740,800	721,750	750,000	19,050	-9,200
Unemployment	37,300	39,700	30,950	-2,400	6,350
Unemployment rate [2/]	4.8	5.2	4.0	xxx	xxx
OMAHA SMSA [3/]					
Civilian labor force	283,200	278,500	286,300	4,700	-3,100
Employment	267,800	262,700	272,050	5,100	-4,250
Unemployment	15,400	15,800	14,250	-400	1,150
Unemployment rate [2/]	5.4	5.7	5.0	xxx	xxx
LINCOLN SMSA [4/]					
Civilian labor force	110,100	110,700	112,600	-600	-2,500
Employment	105,550	105,850	108,800	-300	-3,250
Unemployment	4,550	4,850	3,800	-300	750
Unemployment rate [2/]	4.1	4.4	3.4	xxx	xxx

1/ Estimates are based on the March 1980 benchmark, and all months are comparable. Totals are rounded to the nearest 50 and subtotals may not add to totals due to rounding.

2/ Ratios of unemployment to civilian labor force, based upon unrounded data.

3/ Douglas and Sarpy Counties in Nebraska and Pottawattamie County in Iowa are considered a single unit of residence for the SMSA concept only. The Nebraska portion of the labor force, estimated at 242,000 is included in the Nebraska total, but the Iowa portion, estimated at 41,200 is excluded from the Nebraska total.

4/ Defined as Lancaster County.

UNEMPLOYMENT TRENDS

Nebraska's unemployment decreased by 2,400 from February 1981 to March 1981, reaching a new total of 37,300. The March 1981 total was 6,350 more than in March 1980. The unemployment rate dropped from 5.2 percent in February 1981 to 4.8 percent in March 1981, and compared to 4.0 percent in March 1980.

Unemployment totals for the Omaha SMSA decreased by 400 from February 1981 to March 1981, but increased by 1,150 from March 1980. The unemployment rate moved downward from 5.7 percent in February 1981 to 5.4 percent in March 1981, and compared to 5.0 percent in March 1980.

The number of unemployed in the Lincoln SMSA decreased by 300 from February 1981 to March 1981, and increased by 750 from March 1980. The unemployment rate dropped from 4.4 percent in February 1981 to 4.1 percent in March 1981, and compared to 3.4 percent in March 1980.

Nebraska's labor force is projected to increase by 14,550 from March 1981 to April 1981, reaching a new total of 792,250. The unemployment segment is projected at 29,800, while the employment segment is projected at 762,450.

ESTIMATES OF NEBRASKA NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT DATA [1]

Job Count - Workers by Industry

INDUSTRY	Mar 1981 [2]	Feb 1981 [3]	Mar 1980 [3]	Change From: Feb 1981	Change From: Mar 1980	Percent Change From Feb 1981
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY	621,087	618,830	629,358	2,257	-8,271	- 1.3
MANUFACTURING	94,954	95,095	99,066	- 141	-4,112	- 4.2
Durable goods	48,841	48,356	52,174	485	-3,333	- 6.4
Construction material	4,665	4,589	4,853	76	- 188	- 3.9
Lumber & wood products, except furniture	2,227	2,210	2,134	17	93	4.4
Stone, clay, glass & concrete products	2,438	2,379	2,719	59	- 281	-10.3
Furniture & fixtures	1,684	1,684	1,850	0	- 166	- 9.0
Metals	8,942	9,017	9,545	- 75	- 603	- 6.3
Primary metal industries	1,857	1,857	1,961	0	- 104	- 5.3
Fabricated metal products, except machinery & trans. equipment	7,085	7,160	7,584	- 75	- 499	- 6.6
Machinery except electrical	13,254	13,025	13,659	229	- 405	- 3.0
Farm machinery & equipment	7,557	7,433	8,051	124	- 494	- 6.1
Electrical & electronic machinery, equipment & supplies	9,755	9,544	10,921	211	-1,166	-10.7
Transportation equipment	5,050	4,928	5,800	122	- 750	-12.9
Motor vehicles & motor vehicle equipment	2,393	2,316	3,136	77	- 743	-23.7
Other durable goods (including instruments; toys & sporting goods; costume jewelry & notions; etc.)	5,491	5,569	5,546	- 78	- 55	- 1.0
Nondurable goods	46,113	46,739	46,892	- 626	- 779	- 1.7
Food & kindred products	26,418	27,047	27,192	- 629	- 774	- 2.8
Meat products	13,534	13,488	14,058	46	- 524	- 3.7
Dairy products	1,839	1,852	1,796	- 13	43	2.4
Grain mill	4,358	4,293	4,567	65	- 209	- 4.6
Other food products (including canned & preserved products; bakery products; sugar & confectionery products; beverages; etc.)	6,687	7,414	6,771	- 727	- 84	- 1.2
Textile products & apparel	2,538	2,491	2,463	47	75	3.0
Printing, publishing & allied industries	7,608	7,605	7,682	3	- 74	- 1.0
Chemicals & allied products	2,630	2,619	2,515	11	115	4.6
Other nondurable goods (including rubber & miscellaneous plastics; paper & allied products; etc.)	6,919	6,977	7,040	- 58	- 121	- 1.7
NONMANUFACTURING	526,133	523,735	530,292	2,398	-4,159	- 0.8
MINING	1,508	1,417	1,716	91	- 208	-12.1
CONSTRUCTION	25,429	24,500	25,701	929	- 272	- 1.1
Building construction - general contractors & operative builders	7,426	7,094	7,368	332	58	0.8
Construction other than building construction - gen. contractors	4,366	4,240	4,563	126	- 197	- 4.3
Construction - special trade contractors	13,637	13,166	13,770	471	- 133	- 1.0
TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATION AND UTILITIES	46,974	46,531	46,953	443	21	0.0
Railroad transportation	16,033	15,781	16,064	252	- 31	- 0.2
Other transportation (including buses & taxicabs; motor freight transportation & warehousing; etc.)	14,321	14,219	14,198	102	123	0.9
Communication & electric, gas & sanitary services	16,620	16,531	16,691	89	- 71	- 0.4

TRADE	160,658	159,701	163,706	957	-3,048	- 1.9
Wholesale	48,570	48,208	49,027	362	- 457	- 0.9
Durable goods	24,669	24,499	25,196	170	- 527	- 2.1
Nondurable goods	23,901	23,709	23,831	192	70	0.3
Retail	112,088	111,493	114,679	595	-2,591	- 2.3
Building materials, hardware, garden supply & mobile home dealers	6,610	6,411	5,852	199	758	13.0
General merchandise stores	14,296	14,340	15,573	- 44	-1,277	- 8.2
Food stores	15,622	15,599	16,105	23	- 483	- 3.0
Automotive dealers & gasoline service stations	15,173	15,323	15,960	- 150	- 787	- 4.9
Apparel & accessory stores	6,626	6,660	6,693	- 34	- 67	- 1.0
Furniture, home furnishings, & equipment stores	4,001	4,050	4,112	- 49	- 111	- 2.7
Eating & drinking places	37,459	36,827	38,080	632	- 621	- 1.6
Miscellaneous retail	12,301	12,283	12,304	18	- 3	0.0
Drug stores & proprietary stores	3,610	3,603	3,615	7	- 5	- 0.1
Other miscellaneous retail (including liquor stores; sporting goods stores; jewelry; florists; etc.)	8,691	8,680	8,689	11	2	0.0
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	42,937	42,671	41,574	266	1,363	3.3
Banking	10,831	10,810	10,614	21	217	2.0
Insurance	20,791	20,664	20,297	127	494	2.4
Real estate	4,390	4,335	4,310	55	80	1.9
Other finance, insurance, & real estate (including credit agencies other than banks; security & commodity exchange & services; etc.)	6,925	6,862	6,353	63	572	9.0
SERVICES EXCEPT DOMESTIC	118,253	116,884	116,148	1,369	2,105	1.8
Hotels, rooming houses, camps & other lodging places	6,549	6,489	6,633	60	- 84	- 1.3
Personal services	6,413	6,317	6,373	96	40	0.6
Business services	16,390	16,424	16,535	- 34	37	0.2
Automotive repair, services, & garages	3,835	3,811	3,836	24	- 1	0.0
Amusement & recreation	5,774	5,392	5,307	382	467	8.8
Health services	43,142	42,933	41,252	209	1,890	4.6
Educational services	8,831	8,794	9,528	37	- 697	- 7.3
Social services	6,243	6,163	6,370	80	- 127	- 2.0
Membership services	8,757	8,551	8,948	206	- 191	- 2.1
Other services (including legal & other professional services; miscellaneous repair services; agricultural services; etc.)	12,319	12,010	11,366	309	953	8.4
GOVERNMENT	130,374	132,031	134,494	-1,657	-4,120	- 3.1
Federal	15,526	15,666	16,150	- 140	- 624	- 3.9
State	30,689	32,723	33,902	-2,034	-3,213	- 9.5
Local	84,159	83,642	84,442	517	- 283	- 0.3

1/ Source of data: Current Employment Statistics Program. Estimates are based on the March 1980 benchmark, and all months are comparable.

2/ Preliminary estimates.

3/ Revised.

MARCH 1981 IN REVIEW . . . . . .

Employment in Nebraska's nonagricultural industries increased by 2,257 from February 1981 to March 1981. This included a substantial rise of 2,398 in nonmanufacturing which considerably more than counterbalanced a slight drop in manufacturing (-141).

The small drop of 141 in manufacturing occurred entirely in nondurable goods with a decrease of 626. The drop in nondurable goods was primarily in food processing (-629), and was of a customary seasonal nature. At the same time, durable goods rose by 485, paced by an increase of 299 in machinery except electrical.

Month-to-month increases occurred in construction/mining (1,020), transportation-communication-utilities (443), trade (957), finance-insurance-real estate (266), and service (1,369). The increase of 957 in trade included a gain of 362 in wholesale trade and an increase of 595 in retail trade. The major increase in retail trade was in eating and drinking places (632). Over one-half of the 1,369 increase in service occurred in three categories: amusement and recreation (382), health services (209), and membership services (206).

A decrease from February 1981 to March 1981 was reported only in government (-1,657), led by a drop of 2,034 in state government, reflecting customary seasonal changes in educational services.

ANNUAL CHANGES . . . . . .

Employment in Nebraska's nonagricultural industries decreased by 8,271 from March 1980 to March 1981. This included a decrease of 4,112 in manufacturing and a drop of 4,159 in nonmanufacturing.

The decrease of 4,112 in manufacturing included a decline of 3,333 in durable goods, along with a smaller dip of 779 in nondurable goods. Three categories of durable goods manufacturing accounted for approximately three-fourths of the year-to-year decrease: electrical and electronic machinery, equipment and supplies (-1,166), transportation equipment (-750), and metals (-603). The largest drop in nondurable goods was in food processing (-774).

Year-to-year increases occurred in transportation-communication-utilities (21), finance-insurance-real estate (1,363), and services (2,105). The major gain in services was in health services (1,890).

Year-to-year decreases occurred in trade (-3,048), construction/mining (-480), and government (-4,120). The decrease of 3,048 in trade included a dip of 457 in wholesale trade and a reduction of 2,591 in retail trade. Two categories of retail trade accounted for approximately four-fifths of the decline: general merchandise stores (-1,277), and automotive dealers and gas service stations (-787). The reduction in government occurred in all components: federal, state, and local.

OUTLOOK. . . . . .

Employment activity in May 1981 is projected to show seasonal increases in all major industry groups except manufacturing. Substantial increases are anticipated in service and agriculture. Moderate seasonal gains are expected in construction/mining and trade. Small increases are expected in transportation-communication-utilities, finance-insurance-real estate and government. Employment levels in manufacturing are expected to remain relatively unchanged.

WORKER SUPPLY AND EMPLOYER DEMAND

APPLICANTS AND NONAGRICULTURAL JOB OPENINGS IN NEBRASKA JOB SERVICE OFFICES [1/]

March 1981

		Applicants Available FY to date [2/]	Active File	Nonag Job Openings: Received FY to date [2/]	Unfilled: Total	Unfilled: 30 days or more	Applicants/ Openings FY to date	Active File/ Unfilled Openings End-of-mo.	Unfilled Openings 30 days + % of total
TOTAL	[3/]	82,483	30,946	25,801	5,190	3,743	3.20	5.96	72.1
0 - 1	Professional, technical and managerial	8,893	2,631	2,034	1,772	1,483	4.37	1.48	83.7
2	Clerical and sales	21,082	7,265	5,865	2,040	1,629	3.55	3.56	79.9
	Entry codes [4/]	3,879	1,215	---	---	---	----	----	----
	20-24 Clerical	13,106	4,599	4,535	1,788	1,491	2.89	2.57	83.4
	25-29 Sales	4,097	1,451	1,330	252	138	3.08	5.76	54.8
3	Service	13,742	5,420	5,283	462	177	2.60	11.73	38.3
	Entry codes [4/]	2,013	736	---	---	---	----	----	----
	30 Domestic	776	297	777	32	13	1.00	9.28	40.6
	31-39 Other	10,953	4,387	4,506	231	67	2.43	18.99	29.0
4	Farm, forestry, fisheries	2,559	694	704	22	10	3.63	31.55	45.5
5	Processing	2,062	782	1,202	46	14	1.72	17.00	30.4
6	Machine trades	4,212	1,671	946	150	46	4.45	11.14	30.7
7	Bench work	4,104	1,493	903	113	42	4.54	13.21	37.2
8	Structural work	10,212	4,123	2,887	206	62	3.54	20.01	30.1
9	Miscellaneous	11,868	4,692	5,971	147	49	1.99	31.92	33.3
	Entry codes [4/]	2,068	771	---	---	---	----	----	----
	90-91 Motor freight transportation	4,350	1,806	2,102	72	26	2.07	25.08	36.1
	92 Packaging, materials handling	5,041	1,955	3,663	60	16	1.38	32.58	26.7
	93-97 Other [5/]	409	160	206	15	7	1.99	10.67	46.7

1/ Source of data: ESARS (Employment Security Automated Reporting System).
2/ Period covered: 10-1-80 through 3-31-81. FY 1981 defined as 10-1-80 through 9-30-81.
3/ Total includes occupational codes not assigned.
4/ Applicants for whom a complete occupational code cannot be assigned because of lack of training/experience.
5/ Includes mining, logging, utilities, miscellaneous amusement and recreation, graphic art work.

JOB OPENINGS IN NEBRASKA JOB SERVICE OFFICES [1/]

By Occupation

March 1981

OCCUPATIONAL CATEGORY	OPENINGS AVAILABLE				OPENINGS UNFILLED AT MONTH END			
	NUMBER		AVERAGE PAY		TOTAL		UNFILLED 30 DAYS OR MORE	
	Current	Last Month	Current	Last Month	Current	Last Month	Current	Last Month
TOTAL, ALL OCCUPATIONS	3,362	3,174	$ 9,368/yr	$ 9,372/yr	2,015	1,810	1,138	887
Professional, technical and managerial	690	650	12,217/yr	12,287/yr	594	514	372	276
Clerical and Sales	1,064	1,133	8,272/yr	8,253/yr	700	698	466	401
Service	531	470	3.69/hr	3.68/hr	250	227	122	92
Farming, Fishery, Forestry, and related	92	53	4.05/hr	3.99/hr	27	23	7	8
Processing	122	108	4.84/hr	4.80/hr	31	31	6	4
Machine Trades	192	168	4.64/hr	5.26/hr	109	83	44	34
Bench Work	143	166	4.07/hr	4.20/hr	72	81	35	30
Structural Work	299	224	4.96/hr	4.85/hr	143	97	58	24
Miscellaneous	229	202	4.48/hr	4.58/hr	89	56	28	18

1/ Source of data: Job Bank data from Nebraska Job Service offices.

ESTIMATES OF HOURS AND EARNINGS IN NEBRASKA MANUFACTURING 1/

March 1981

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Mar 1981 2/	Feb 1981 3/	Mar 1980 3/	Mar 1981 2/	Feb 1981 3/	Mar 1980 3/	Mar 1981 2/	Feb 1981 3/	Mar 1980 3/
MANUFACTURING - TOTAL	$317.56	$311.66	$286.23	40.3	39.5	40.6	$7.88	$7.89	$7.05
Durable goods	316.24	310.46	285.25	40.7	39.6	41.4	7.77	7.84	6.89
Lumber, stone, clay, glass products	268.93	254.77	240.52	39.9	37.8	38.3	6.74	6.74	6.28
Primary and fabricated metals	315.09	312.83	284.62	40.5	39.8	40.2	7.78	7.86	7.08
Machinery and transportation equipment	344.86	340.57	314.03	41.4	40.4	42.9	8.33	8.43	7.32
Nondurable goods	320.00	321.08	288.15	40.0	39.3	39.8	8.00	8.17	7.24
Food and kindred products	360.59	352.67	317.95	41.4	41.2	40.4	8.71	8.56	7.87
Meat products	384.29	380.70	334.32	41.5	40.5	39.8	9.26	9.40	8.40
Dairy products	226.95	222.38	205.90	37.7	37.5	36.9	6.02	5.93	5.58
Grain mill products	439.13	455.90	412.30	45.6	48.5	47.5	9.63	9.40	8.68
Bakery products	267.71	256.43	228.49	35.6	34.1	33.9	7.52	7.52	6.74
Other food and kindred products	264.99	241.08	220.60	39.2	39.2	38.1	6.76	6.15	5.79
Printing and publishing	248.45	239.40	246.24	35.8	34.2	38.0	6.94	7.00	6.48
Chemicals and allied products	320.78	310.99	305.32	42.6	41.8	44.9	7.53	7.44	6.80

1/ Source of data: Current Employment Statistics Program.
2/ Preliminary.
3/ Revised.

Average weekly earnings in Nebraska manufacturing increased by $5.90 from February 1981 to March 1981. This included a rise of $5.87 in durable goods along with a small dip of $1.08 in nondurable goods. From March 1980 to March 1981, average weekly earnings increased by $31.33, including a gain of $30.99 in durable goods and an increase of $31.85 in nondurable goods.
Average weekly hours increased by 0.8 hours month-to-month, but dropped by 0.3 hours year-to-year.
Average hourly earnings had a very slight increase of $.01 from February 1981 to March 1981, and increased by $.83 from March 1980 to March 1981.

ESTIMATES OF ACCESSION AND SEPARATION RATES IN NEBRASKA MANUFACTURING 1/

(Per 1,000 workers)

FEBRUARY 1981

INDUSTRY	ACCESSION RATES						SEPARATION RATES								
	Total			New Hires			Total			Quits			Layoffs		
	Feb 1981 2/	Jan 1981 3/	Feb 1980 3/	Feb 1981 2/	Jan 1981 3/	Feb 1980 3/	Feb 1981 2/	Jan 1981 3/	Feb 1980 3/	Feb 1981 2/	Jan 1981 3/	Feb 1980 3/	Feb 1981 2/	Jan 1981 3/	Feb 1980 3/
MANUFACTURING - TOTAL	27	32	29	19	24	23	27	33	32	13	15	20	8	13	6
Durable goods	27	29	29	16	21	21	26	37	32	11	12	18	8	15	8
Lumber, stone, clay, glass products	49	31	65	27	26	32	51	76	57	17	21	26	28	50	25
Furniture and fixtures	31	13	20	14	11	19	11	17	17	8	10	11	1	5	4/
Primary and fabricated metals	30	33	22	22	20	17	43	28	26	9	10	14	18	16	6
Machinery and transportation equipment	23	24	24	12	19	17	15	24	28	9	9	16	1	11	6
Other durable goods	22	46	42	17	36	38	35	41	44	21	29	30	6	1	5
Nondurable goods	26	36	30	21	27	27	28	35	32	15	18	22	8	11	5
Food and kindred products	24	40	31	18	26	27	30	38	32	15	20	21	11	12	6
Meat products	27	54	36	22	38	35	37	41	36	20	25	23	14	12	7
Dairy products	20	12	11	20	12	11	11	18	14	8	12	11	3	3	3
Grain mill products	8	13	19	4	8	15	19	24	22	4	8	14	10	5	5
Bakery products	13	31	31	9	25	7	27	43	26	10	19	14	8	6	6
Other food and kindred products	35	37	38	21	14	25	27	51	41	15	19	26	7	25	6
Textiles and apparel	52	48	38	45	40	35	39	38	51	29	27	41	7	9	6
Paper and allied products	21	19	12	17	15	12	24	28	24	15	14	19	4/	4	4/
Printing and publishing	18	38	35	17	34	33	19	28	36	12	18	26	2	6	1
Chemicals and allied products	14	9	25	14	7	24	12	29	17	3	9	10	6	14	5
Petroleum, rubber, plastic products and leather	46	30	21	38	24	18	36	38	25	17	14	17	9	17	4

1/ Source of data: Labor Turnover Program.
Note: Accessions, other than new hires, and separations, other than quits and layoffs, are not shown separately but are included in the appropriate totals.

2/ Preliminary.
3/ Revised.
4/ Less than one-half.

Accession rates in Nebraska manufacturing decreased from 32 per 1,000 workers in January, 1981 to 27 per 1,000 workers in February 1981. Durable goods dropped from 29 per 1,000 to 27 per 1,000 during that period, while nondurable goods dipped from 36 per 1,000 to 26 per 1,000. Separation rates decreased from 33 per 1,000 in January 1981 to 27 per 1,000 in February 1981. Layoffs also dropped month-to-month from 13 per 1,000 to 8 per 1,000 but increased from 6 per 1,000 a year ago.

SELECTED UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACTIVITIES

March 1981

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (STATE UI)	Mar 1981	Feb 1981	Mar 1980
CLAIMS RECEIVED - AREA CLAIMS CENTERS			
Initial Claims	5,832	6,652	5,266
Weeks Claimed	69,871	65,687	55,127
BENEFIT ACTIVITIES			
Payments from UI funds	$ 5,798,927	$ 5,438,272	$ 4,823,979
Calendar year to date	$16,398,176	$10,599,249	$14,240,710
Average size of weekly payments	$ 92.46	$ 93.37	$ 93.84
First payments	3,701	4,462	3,156
Exhaustions	1,693	1,318	1,324
Individuals who drew benefits	19,545	19,612	16,745
Rate of insured unemployment	2.5	2.8	2.2
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYEES (UCFE)			
Payments from UCFE funds	$ 83,431	$ 82,139	$ 71,358
Average size of weekly payments	$ 71.55	$ 75.36	$ 74.49
First payments	36	42	41
Exhaustions	37	34	20
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FOR EX-SERVICEMEN (UCX)			
Payments from UCX funds	$ 42,599	$ 41,564	$ 33,337
Average size of weekly payments	$ 91.41	$ 91.15	$ 80.14
First payments	17	28	25
Exhaustions	5	6	1
COVERAGE AND CONTRIBUTIONS			
Subject employers - end of month	37,736	37,563	38,552
Contributions received	$ 232,359	$ 4,370,105	$ 105,325
FINANCIAL DATA			
End of month fund balance	$70,329,329	$75,398,591	74,636,410

UI initial claims in area claims centers decreased from 6,652 in February 1981 to 5,832 in March 1981. Weeks claimed increased from 65,687 in February to 69,871 in March 1981.
UI benefit payments increased from 5.4 million in February to 5.8 million in March 1981.
The number of insured unemployed decreased from 16,477 in February to 14,632 in March 1980.
The rate of insured unemployment decreased from 2.8% in February to 2.4% in March 1980.
The year-to-date contributions stood at 6.5 million, compared to 6.8 million one year ago.
The fund balance stood at 70.3 million March 31, 1981, compared to 74.6 million one year ago.

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CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED

March 1981

	Amount	Percent of total
SEX:		
Male	9,822	71.1
Female	3.994	28.9
RACE/ETHNIC:		
White	12,590	91.1
All other races	1,226	8.9
AGE:		
Under 22	1,939	14.1
22 - 44	8,419	60.9
45 and over	3,458	25.0
WEEKS UNEMPLOYED:		
4 or less	4,292	31.1
5 - 14	7,388	53.5
15 and over	2,136	15.4

	Amount	Percent of total
OCCUPATION:		
Professional, tech., and managerial	2,639	19.1
Clerical and sales	1,733	12.5
Service	925	6.7
Farm and related	249	1.8
Processing	567	4.1
Machine trades	672	4.9
Bench work	609	4.4
Structural work	4,399	31.8
Miscellaneous	2,023	14.7
INDUSTRY:		
Construction and mining	3,949	28.6
Manufacturing	3,409	24.7
Durable goods	1,717	12.4
Nondurable goods	1,692	12.3
Trans., comm., and utilities	622	4.5
Trade (wholesale & retail)	2,436	17.6
Fin., Ins., and real estate	280	2.0
Services	1,457	10.6
Government	304	2.2
Other	1,359	9.8

1/ Source of data: Percentages computed from a count of all insured unemployed claimants filing at the Nebraska UI AREA CLAIMS CENTERS for a one-week period including the 19th of the month. The insured claimant count for March 1981 was 13,816.

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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

Facts About the Consumer Price Index

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a statistical measure of change, over time, in the prices of goods and services in major expenditure groups - such as food and beverages, housing, apparel, transportation, medical care, and entertainment - typically purchased by urban consumers. It measures the change in prices by comparing what a sample "market basket" of goods and services cost today with what the same sample market basket cost at an earlier date.

The CPI for All Urban Consumers covers about 80 percent of the total noninstitutional population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage - salaried workers, the self-employed, retirees, and the unemployed.

The CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers covers about 40 percent of the total noninstitutional population.

U.S. CITY AVERAGE

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, MARCH 1981

	ALL URBAN CONSUMERS (CPI-U)			WAGE EARNERS AND CLERICAL WORKERS (CPI-W)		
	INDEX 1967=100	Percent Change From 1 Month Ago	Percent Change From 1 Year Ago	INDEX 1967=100	Percent Change From 1 Month Ago	Percent Change From 1 Year Ago
ALL ITEMS	285.1	0.7	10.4	285.2	0.6	10.5
FOOD AND BEVERAGES	265.0	0.5	10.0	265.5	0.5	10.1
Food	272.2	0.5	10.1	272.6	0.4	10.1
Food at home	268.6	0.5	10.3	268.1	0.4	10.3
Cereals & bakery products	266.7	0.5	11.8	266.5	0.6	11.4
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	250.5	-0.8	5.3	249.9	-0.7	5.4
Dairy products	242.6	0.2	10.1	242.7	0.1	9.8
Fruits and vegetables	278.2	4.1	19.7	275.0	3.2	19.5
Other foods at home	324.1	0.3	11.0	326.2	0.5	11.8
Food away from home	286.1	0.5	9.7	288.6	0.5	9.9
Alcoholic beverages	197.1	0.8	8.5	198.7	0.6	8.7
HOUSING	282.6	0.6	11.0	282.2	0.5	10.8
Shelter	301.6	0.4	11.0	302.6	0.3	11.0
Rent (residential)	203.0	0.5	8.8	202.7	0.5	8.7
Other rental costs	283.6	1.8	9.7	283.5	1.9	9.6
Homeownership	338.8	0.3	11.5	338.8	0.2	11.4
Fuel and other utilities	308.4	1.3	15.1	309.4	1.2	15.1
Fuels	393.7	1.6	17.9	393.4	1.6	17.8
Fuel oil, coal, & bottled gas	693.4	2.6	25.3	696.3	2.6	25.7
Gas (piped) & electricity	326.7	1.2	15.0	325.2	1.2	14.8
Household furnishings & operation	216.9	0.9	7.7	213.7	0.9	7.3
APPAREL AND UPKEEP	185.1	1.7	5.2	184.3	1.4	5.3
Men's & boys' apparel	175.0	2.0	5.7	174.9	1.6	5.4
Women's & girls' apparel	157.5	2.7	1.3	158.9	2.3	2.6
Footwear	197.4	1.3	5.6	196.9	0.5	5.2
TRANSPORTATION	273.5	1.0	12.2	274.4	0.8	12.3
Private transportation	271.7	0.9	11.4	273.2	0.8	11.7
Public transportation	293.9	2.0	26.6	285.1	1.6	26.1
MEDICAL CARE	284.7	0.7	9.4	287.0	0.9	10.0
Medical care services	307.5	0.8	9.2	310.2	0.9	9.9
ENTERTAINMENT	218.2	0.7	8.8	219.1	0.5	8.3
OTHER GOODS AND SERVICES	228.7	0.6	9.5	226.8	0.5	8.9
ALL ITEMS (1957-59=100)	308.3			308.4		

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Nebraska Work Trends

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QUESTION: Where do we get the employment data contained in this publication?

ANSWER: From YOU - the employer!

The Nebraska Department of Labor, Division of Employment, would like to take this opportunity to extend our gratitude and appreciation to those cooperating employers who provide us with requested data.

This makes it possible for us to supply information necessary for planning and decision-making to Nebraska employers, governmental units, labor organizations, and other individuals and agencies with a need to know about the Nebraska labor force and industrial composition.

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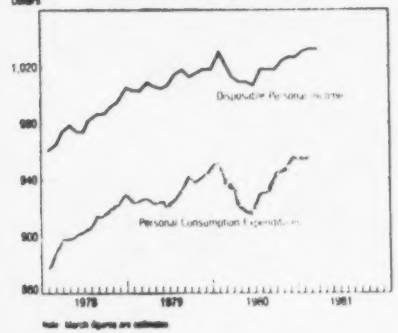
NEBRASKA Work Trends

April 1981

JOB SERVICE OF NEBRASKA

SELECTED ECONOMIC TRENDS - U. S. 1/

① Consumer Income and Spending



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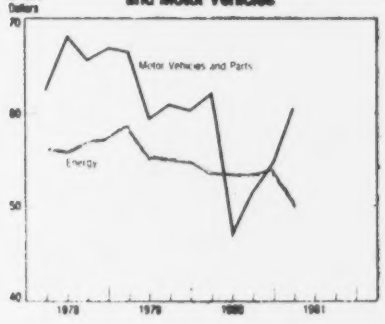

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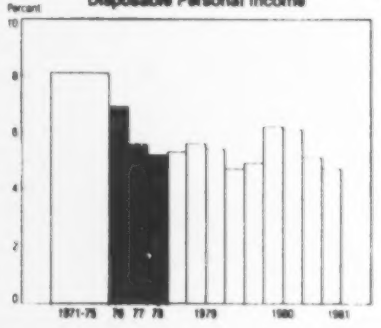

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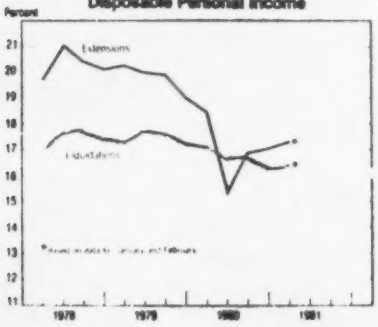

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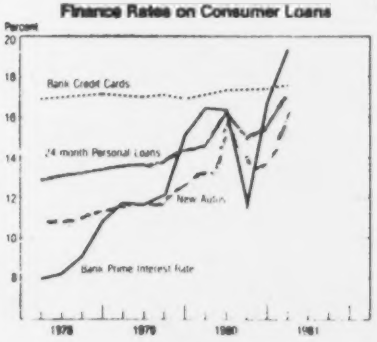

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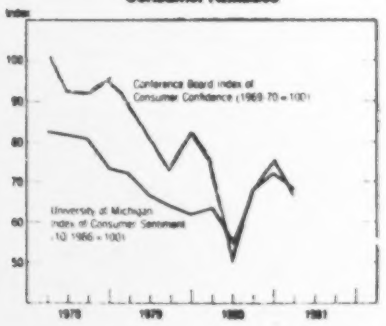

1/ *Source of data:* *Business America*, *May 4, 1981, U.S. Department of Commerce.*

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ANNOUNCEMENT

Occupational Employment Statistics (OES) Program

We are often asked for Nebraska:

What is the occupational mix within a specific industry?

What is the occupational makeup in the total labor force?

What occupations tend to be impacted by industrial expansion or cutback?

We do not have answers to these questions - - - - - which is the reason we need to add occupational information to our data bank for your occupational planning needs.

Basic occupational employment statistics program information is presented on the reverse side in a question and answer format.

OCCUPATIONAL EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS
FACT SHEET

QUESTION:	*ANSWER:*
Will all firms within an industry be sampled?	*No. From each industry approximately a 10% random sample will be drawn.*
What is the survey plan?	*This year (1981) a sampling of nonmanufacturing (mining, construction, insurance, real estate and services) will receive a survey form. A sampling of trade, transportation, communications and utilities establishments are scheduled to receive a form in 1982. A sampling of manufacturing establishments will receive a survey form in 1983.*
Will agriculture be included in the sample?	*No. However, agricultural services, as opposed to agriculture per se will be included in the sample.*
When will the questionnaires be mailed to a sampling of nonmanufacturing establishments in 1981?	*One-third of the establishments in the sample will receive a questionnaire in May - one-third will receive a questionnaire in June - one-third will receive a questionnaire in July.*
Will survey results be published?	*Yes. Occupational information will be published by industry (no firm identification) as each survey cycle is completed.*
How will the business community benefit?	*Employers who request occupational information tell us that business establishments who have to depend on interests, talents, and skills of workers have a need for occupational information. Educators and trainers use occupational information to assist them to prepare students for occupations that are realistic in terms of labor market demand. Occupational information is a vital tool for personnel management.*
How will the general public benefit?	*Workers preparing for a job or looking for a job need to know about occupations available in the labor force to choose occupations that they can perform, are willing to perform, and can derive satisfaction from performing. Occupational information is basic to effective vocational counseling and career guidance.*
Is this a mandatory program?	*NO. EMPLOYER PARTICIPATION IS STRICTLY VOLUNTARY. Your reply will be kept in strict confidence.*

ESTIMATES OF LABOR FORCE DATA [1/]

(Job Seekers and Job Holders - by Residence)

April 1981

	Preliminary	Revised		Change From:	
	Apr 1981	Mar 1981	Apr 1980	Mar 1981	Apr 1980
NEBRASKA					
Civilian labor force	792,250	777,700	796,050	14,550	-3,800
Employment	762,450	740,450	761,100	22,000	-4,650
Unemployment	29,800	37,250	28,950	-7,450	850
Unemployment rate 2/	3.8	4.8	3.6	xxx	xxx
OMAHA SMSA 3/					
Civilian labor force	283,700	282,650	287,550	1,050	-3,850
Employment	270,700	267,250	273,750	3,450	-3,050
Unemployment	13,000	15,400	13,800	-2,400	-800
Unemployment rate 2/	4.6	5.4	4.9	xxx	xxx
LINCOLN SMSA 4/					
Civilian labor force	112,200	110,300	112,350	1,900	-150
Employment	108,650	105,750	180,950	2,900	-300
Unemployment	3,550	4,550	3,400	-1,000	150
Unemployment rate 2/	3.2	4.1	3.0	xxx	xxx

1/ Estimates are based on the March 1980 benchmark, and all months are comparable. Totals are rounded to the nearest 50 and subtotals may not add to totals due to rounding.

2/ Ratios of unemployment to civilian labor force, based upon unrounded data.

3/ Douglas and Sarpy Counties in Nebraska and Pottawattamie County in Iowa are considered a single unit of residence for the SMSA concept only. The Nebraska portion of the labor force, estimated at 242,500, is included in the Nebraska total, but the Iowa portion, estimated at 41,200, is excluded from the Nebraska total.

4/ Defined as Lancaster County.

UNEMPLOYMENT TRENDS

Nebraska's unemployment decreased by 7,450 from March 1981 to April 1981, reaching a new total of 29,800. The April 1981 total was 850 more than in April 1980. The unemployment rate moved downward from 4.8 percent in March 1981 to 3.8 percent in April 1981, and compared to 3.6 in April 1980. Unemployment totals for the Omaha SMSA dropped by 2,400 from March 1981 to April 1981 and also decreased by 800 from April 1980. The unemployment rate decreased from 5.4 percent in March 1981 to 4.6 percent in April 1981 and compared to 4.9 percent in April 1980. Unemployment in the Lincoln SMSA dropped by 1,000 from March 1981 to April 1981 but increased by 150 from April 1980. The unemployment rate decreased from 4.1 percent in March 1981 to 3.2 percent in April 1981 and compared to 3.0 percent in April 1980.

Nebraska's labor force is projected to increase by 21,900 from April 1981 to May 1981, reaching a new total of 814,150. The unemployment segment is projected as 30,000 while the employment segment is projected as 784,150.

ESTIMATES OF NEBRASKA NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT DATA 1/

Job Count - Workers by Industry

INDUSTRY	Apr 1981 2/	Mar 1981 3/	Apr 1980 3/	Change From Mar 1981	Change From Apr 1980	Percent Change From Apr 1980
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY	628,807	620,717	633,640	8,090	-4,833	-0.8
MANUFACTURING	95,774	94,959	96,803	815	-1,029	-1.1
Durable goods	49,503	48,823	51,403	680	-1,900	-3.7
Construction material	4,991	4,747	4,873	244	118	2.4
Lumber & wood products, except furniture	2,400	2,235	2,056	165	344	16.7
Stone, clay, glass & concrete products	2,591	2,512	2,817	79	-226	-8.0
Furniture & fixtures	1,666	1,672	1,827	-6	-161	-8.8
Metals	8,923	8,889	9,532	34	-609	-6.4
Primary metal industries	1,875	1,851	1,984	24	-109	-5.5
Fabricated metal products, except machinery & transportation equip.	7,048	7,038	7,458	10	-410	-5.5
Machinery except electrical	13,563	13,272	13,325	291	238	1.8
Farm machinery & equipment	7,712	7,536	7,822	176	-110	-1.4
Electrical & electronic machinery, equipment & supplies	9,794	9,701	10,777	93	-983	-9.1
Transportation equipment	5,086	5,034	5,540	52	-454	-8.2
Motor vehicles & motor vehicle equipment	2,400	2,377	2,965	23	-565	-19.1
Other durable goods (including instruments; toys & sporting goods; costume jewelry & notions; etc.)	5,480	5,508	5,529	-28	-49	-0.9
Nondurable goods	46,271	46,136	45,400	135	871	1.9
Food & kindred products	26,469	26,461	26,138	8	331	1.3
Meat products	13,643	13,543	12,952	100	691	5.3
Dairy products	1,860	1,846	1,802	14	58	3.2
Grain mill	4,298	4,365	4,563	-67	-265	-5.8
Other food products (including canned & preserved products; bakery products; sugar & confectionery products; beverages; etc.)	6,668	6,707	6,821	-39	-153	-2.2
Textile products & apparel	2,493	2,528	2,483	-35	10	0.4
Printing, publishing & allied industries	7,655	7,579	7,650	76	5	0.1
Chemicals & allied products	2,649	2,647	2,545	2	104	4.1
Other nondurable goods (including rubber & miscellaneous plastics; paper & allied products; etc.)	7,005	6,921	6,584	84	421	6.4
NONMANUFACTURING	533,033	525,758	536,837	7,275	-3,804	-0.7
MINING	1,529	1,487	1,769	42	-240	-13.6
CONSTRUCTION	27,261	25,473	27,811	1,788	-550	-2.0
Building construction - general contractors & operative builders	7,889	7,468	7,988	421	-99	-1.2
Construction other than building construction - general contractors	5,219	4,366	5,726	853	-507	-8.9
Construction - special trade contractors	14,153	13,639	14,097	514	56	0.4
TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATIONS, ELECTRIC, GAS, & SANITARY SERVICES	47,081	46,610	47,726	471	-645	-1.4
Railroad transportation	15,989	15,691	16,566	298	-577	-3.5
Other transportation (including buses & taxicabs; motor freight transportation & warehousing; etc.)	14,476	14,333	14,497	143	-21	-0.1
Communication & electric, gas, & sanitary services	16,616	16,586	16,663	30	-47	-0.3

TRADE	163,104	160,559	165,553	2,545	-2,449	-1.5
Wholesale	49,309	48,618	50,503	691	-1,194	-2.4
Durable	25,071	24,671	25,614	400	-543	-2.1
Nondurable	24,238	23,947	24,889	291	-651	-2.6
Retail	113,795	111,941	115,050	1,854	-1,255	-1.1
Building materials, hardware, garden supply, & mobile home dealers	6,861	6,610	6,736	251	125	1.9
General merchandise stores	14,383	14,273	15,662	110	-1,279	-8.2
Food stores	15,587	15,600	15,574	-13	13	0.1
Automotive dealers & gasoline service stations	15,233	15,217	15,853	16	-620	-3.9
Apparel & accessory stores	6,621	6,639	6,425	-18	196	3.1
Furniture, home furnishings, & equipment stores	4,104	4,051	4,075	53	29	0.7
Eating & drinking places	38,621	37,263	38,308	1,358	313	0.8
Miscellaneous retail	12,385	12,288	12,417	97	-32	-0.3
Drug stores & proprietary stores	3,529	3,540	3,615	-11	-86	-2.4
Other miscellaneous retail (including liquor stores; sporting goods stores; jewelry; florists; etc.)	8,856	8,748	8,802	108	54	0.6
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	43,086	42,900	41,846	186	1,240	3.0
Banking	10,890	10,808	10,671	82	219	2.1
Insurance	20,723	20,777	20,380	-54	343	1.7
Real Estate	4,511	4,385	4,394	126	117	2.7
Other finance, insurance, & real estate (including credit agencies other than banks; security & commodity exchange & services; etc.)	6,962	6,930	6,401	32	561	8.8
SERVICES EXCEPT DOMESTIC	119,910	118,437	117,525	1,473	2,385	2.0
Hotels, rooming houses, camps, & other lodging places	6,713	6,557	6,743	156	-30	-0.4
Personal services	6,416	6,399	6,417	17	-1	0.0
Business services	16,446	16,376	16,300	70	146	0.9
Automotive repair, services, & garages	3,838	3,834	3,840	4	-2	-0.1
Amusement & recreation (including motion pictures)	6,898	6,025	6,185	873	713	11.5
Health services	43,192	43,156	41,468	36	1,724	4.2
Educational services	8,835	8,847	9,484	-12	-649	-6.8
Social services	6,157	6,192	6,363	-35	-206	-3.2
Membership organizations	8,653	8,742	8,893	-89	-240	-2.7
Other services (including legal & other professional services; miscellaneous repair services; agricultural services; etc.)	12,762	12,309	11,832	453	930	7.9
GOVERNMENT	131,062	130,292	134,607	770	-3,545	-2.6
Federal	15,519	15,536	18,521	-17	-3,002	-16.2
State	31,480	30,689	31,999	791	-519	-1.6
Local	84,063	84,067	84,087	-4	-24	0

1/ Source of data: Current Employment Statistics Program. Estimates are based on the March 1980 benchmark, and all months are comparable.
2/ Preliminary estimates.
3/ Revised.

APRIL 1981 IN REVIEW . . . . . .

Employment in Nebraska's nonagricultural industries increased by 8,090 from March 1981 to April 1981. This included a gain of 815 in manufacturing and an increase of 7,275 in nonmanufacturing.

The increase of 815 in manufacturing included a rise of 680 in durable goods, and a gain of 135 in nondurable goods. Over three-fourths of the increase in durable goods occurred in two categories: construction material (244), and machinery, except electrical (291).

Month-to-month increases occurred in all major industry groups, including trade (2,545), construction/mining (1,830), service (1,473, government (770), transportation-communication-utilities (471) and finance-insurance-real estate (186). The increase of 2,545 in trade included a gain of 691 in wholesale trade and a rise of 1,854 in retail trade. The largest gain in retail trade was in eating and drinking places (1,358). The major increase in service occurred in amusement and recreation. The primary increase in government occurred in hourly employees in educational services.

ANNUAL CHANGES . . . . . .

Employment in Nebraska's nonagricultural industries was 4,833 less in April 1981 than in April 1980. This included a drop of 1,029 in manufacturing and a decrease of 3,804 in nonmanufacturing.

The drop of 1,029 in manufacturing included a decline of 1,900 in durable goods along with a rise of 871 in nondurable goods. Over four-fifths of the reduction in durable goods occurred in two categories: electrical and electronic machinery, equipment and supplies (-983), and metals (-609). Gains in nondurable goods were generally scattered, with the largest increase in food processing (331).

Year-to-year increases occurred in services (2,385), and finance-insurance-real estate (1,240). The major gain in services was in health services (1,724).

Year-to-year decreases occurred in government (-3,545), trade (-2,449), construction/mining (-790), transportation-communication-utilities (-645). The decrease of 3,545 in government was led by a drop in federal employment of 3,002 - largely reflecting the termination of temporary workers hired for the 1980 census. The decrease of 2,449 in trade included a drop of 1,194 in wholesale trade and a decrease of 1,255 in retail trade. The major decline in retail trade occurred in general merchandise stores (-1,279).

OUTLOOK . . . . . .

Employment activity in June 1981 is projected to show a small increase in transportation-communication-utilities. Agriculture is expected to have a substantial rise in employment, following customary seasonal trends. Slight decreases are anticipated in manufacturing and trade. A minor drop in government is expected, chiefly reflecting the customary reduction in educational services at the end of the school year. Employment levels are expected to remain relatively unchanged in construction-mining, finance-insurance-real estate and service.

WORKER SUPPLY AND EMPLOYER DEMAND

APPLICANTS AND NONAGRICULTURAL OPENINGS IN NEBRASKA JOB SERVICE OFFICES [1]

April 1981

		Applicants Available FY to Date [2]	Active File	Nonag Job Openings Rec'd FY to Date [2]	Nonag Job Openings Unfilled Total	Nonag Job Openings Unfilled 30 days or more	Applicants/ Openings FY to Date	Active File/ Unfilled Openings End-of-Mo.	Unfilled Openings 30 days + % of Total
	TOTAL [3]	82,483	30,946	30,252	5,173	3,860	2.73	5.98	74.6
0 - 1	Professional, technical and managerial	9,597	3,305	2,338	1,644	1,418	4.10	5.84	86.3
2	Clerical and sales	23,061	7,534	6,882	2,088	1,662	3.35	3.61	79.6
	Entry codes [4]	4,303	1,379	-----	-----	-----	----	----	----
	20-24 Clerical	14,313	4,725	5,306	1,803	1,491	2.70	2.62	82.7
	25-29 Sales	4,445	1,430	1,576	285	171	2.82	5.02	60.0
3	Service	14,820	5,373	6,195	503	246	2.39	10.68	48.9
	Entry codes [4]	2,200	758	-----	-----	-----	----	-----	----
	30 Domestic	842	304	1,006	43	16	.84	7.07	37.2
	31-39 Other	11,778	4,311	5,189	460	230	2.27	9.37	50.0
4	Farm, forestry, fisheries	2,788	683	799	31	13	3.49	22.03	41.9
5	Processing	2,215	735	1,402	30	16	1.58	24.05	53.3
6	Machine trades	4,518	1,553	1,130	150	65	4.00	10.04	43.3
7	Bench work	4,362	1,434	1,017	101	58	4.29	14.20	57.4
8	Structural work	11,171	4,053	3,421	212	82	3.27	19.12	38.7
9	Miscellaneous	12,742	4,625	7,062	182	68	1.80	25.41	37.4
	Entry codes [4]	2,216	766	-----	-----	-----	----	-----	----
	90-91 Motor freight, trans.	4,670	1,757	2,479	94	31	1.88	18.69	33.0
	92 Packaging, materials handling	5,422	1,949	4,332	69	27	1.25	28.25	39.1
	93-97 Other [5]	434	153	251	19	10	1.73	8.05	52.6

1/ Source of data: ESARS (Employment Security Automated Reporting System).
2/ Period covered: October 1, 1980 through May 31, 1981. FY 1981 defined as October 1, 1980 through September 30, 1981.
3/ Total includes occupational codes not assigned.
4/ Applicants for whom a complete occupational code cannot be assigned because of lack of training/experience.
5/ Includes mining, logging utilities, miscellaneous amusement and recreation, graphic art work.

JOB OPENINGS IN NEBRASKA JOB SERVICE OFFICES [1/]

By Occupation

APRIL 1981

OCCUPATIONAL CATEGORY	OPENINGS AVAILABLE				OPENINGS UNFILLED AT MONTH END			
	NUMBER		AVERAGE PAY		TOTAL		UNFILLED 30 DAYS OR MORE	
	Current	Last Month	Current	Last Month	Current	Last Month	Current	Last Month
TOTAL, ALL OCCUPATIONS	3,778	3,362	$ 9,519/yr	$ 9,368/yr	2,063	2,015	1,116	1,138
Professional, technical and managerial	725	690	12,745/yr	12,217/yr	579	594	396	372
Clerical and Sales	1,148	1,064	8,293/yr	8,272/yr	709	700	428	466
Service	499	531	3.71/hr	3.69/hr	249	250	110	122
Farming, Fishery, Forestry, and related	110	92	4.00/hr	4.05/hr	30	27	3	7
Processing	132	122	4.79/hr	4.84/hr	22	31	12	6
Machine trades	252	192	4.76/hr	4.64/hr	131	109	52	44
Bench work	137	143	3.78/hr	4.07/hr	71	72	43	35
Structural work	405	299	4.74/hr	4.96/hr	160	143	44	58
Miscellaneous	370	229	4.72/hr	4.48/hr	112	89	28	28

1/ Source of data: Job Bank data from Nebraska Job Service offices.

ESTIMATES OF HOURS AND EARNINGS IN NEBRASKA MANUFACTURING [1]

April 1981

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Apr 2/ 1981	Mar 3/ 1981	Apr 3/ 1980	Apr 2/ 1981	Mar 3/ 1981	Apr 3/ 1980	Apr 2/ 1981	Mar3/ 1981	Apr 3/ 1980
MANUFACTURING - TOTAL	$309.66	$317.16	$288.95	39.7	40.3	40.3	$7.80	$7.87	$7.17
Durable goods	315.93	316.24	286.82	40.4	40.7	40.8	7.82	7.77	7.03
Lumber, stone, clay, glass products	280.30	277.14	250.57	41.1	40.4	39.9	6.82	6.86	6.28
Primary and fabricated metals	317.87	314.69	284.49	40.7	40.5	39.9	7.81	7.77	7.13
Machinery and transportation equipment	344.81	344.86	314.75	41.0	41.4	41.8	8.41	8.33	7.53
Nondurable goods	302.25	319.20	290.60	38.9	40.0	39.7	7.77	7.98	7.32
Food and kindred products	334.00	358.94	321.55	40.0	41.4	40.6	8.35	8.67	7.92
Meat products	363.04	387.30	347.17	40.7	41.6	40.7	8.92	9.31	8.53
Dairy products	221.49	225.75	208.05	37.1	37.5	36.5	5.97	6.02	5.70
Grain mill products	350.49	421.29	404.49	38.6	45.3	46.6	9.08	9.30	8.68
Bakery products	276.31	267.71	229.84	36.5	35.6	33.8	7.57	7.52	6.80
Other food and kindred products	269.69	264.99	214.23	40.8	39.2	37.0	6.61	6.76	5.79
Printing and publishing	239.08	250.22	250.33	34.8	35.9	37.7	6.87	6.97	6.64
Chemicals and allied products	309.22	325.41	301.40	41.9	43.1	44.0	7.38	7.55	6.85

1/ Source of data: Current Employment Statistics Program.
2/ Preliminary
3/ Revised.

Average weekly earnings in Nebraska manufacturing decreased by $7.50 from March 1981 to April 1981. This included a very slight dip of $.31 in durable goods, along with a decrease of $16.95 in nondurable goods. Year-to-year, average weekly earnings increased by $20.71, with a rise in durable goods of $29.11 and an increase of $11.65 in nondurable goods. Average weekly hours decreased 0.6 hours both month-to-month and year-to-year. Average hourly earnings dipped by $.07 from March 1981 to April 1981, but increased by $.63 from April 1980 to April 1981.

ESTIMATES OF ACCESSION AND SEPARATION RATES IN NEBRASKA MANUFACTURING [1]

(Per 1,000 Workers)

MAR 1981

INDUSTRY	ACCESSION RATES						SEPARATION RATES								
	Total			New Hires			Total			Quits			Layoffs		
	Mar 2/ 1981	Feb 3/ 1981	Mar 3/ 1980	Mar 2/ 1981	Feb 3/ 1981	Mar 3/ 1980	Mar 2/ 1981	Feb 3/ 1981	Mar 3/ 1980	Mar 2/ 1981	Feb 3/ 1981	Mar 3/ 1980	Mar 2/ 1981	Feb 3/ 1981	Mar 3/ 1980
MANUFACTURING - TOTAL	40	26	29	27	19	25	31	27	35	18	13	19	5	8	8
Durable goods	47	27	29	26	16	25	30	26	34	17	11	18	6	8	8
Lumber, stone, clay, glass products	76	49	41	25	27	33	40	51	38	20	17	18	16	28	15
Furniture and fixtures	5	31	38	5	14	37	20	11	13	16	8	5	4/	1	1
Primary and fabricated metals	37	30	39	26	22	35	36	43	36	16	9	17	13	18	12
Machinery and transportation equip.	52	22	20	29	12	16	24	16	31	16	9	16	2	1	7
Other durable goods	24	22	54	19	17	45	44	35	52	20	21	40	5	6	1
Nondurable goods	32	26	28	29	22	25	33	28	36	20	15	21	5	8	7
Food and kindred products	31	24	25	29	18	22	33	30	37	19	15	20	5	11	7
Meat products	37	27	25	36	22	23	31	37	36	26	20	19	4/	14	6
Dairy products	20	20	3	20	20	3	25	11	25	15	8	16	5	3	4/
Grain mill products	14	8	19	11	4	17	32	19	31	5	4	21	5	10	4/
Bakery products	25	13	37	20	9	29	26	27	28	10	10	13	1	8	7
Other food and kindred products	39	35	38	34	4	29	43	27	50	15	15	30	22	7	13
Textiles and apparel	62	52	75	59	45	66	44	39	51	41	29	43	1	7	4
Paper and allied products	21	22	23	21	18	22	51	23	17	15	14	12	32	4/	1
Printing and publishing	32	18	31	29	17	29	27	19	31	21	13	23	1	2	4/
Chemicals and allied products	29	14	29	25	14	28	16	12	20	8	3	7	3	6	8
Petroleum, rubber, plastic products and leather	27	46	19	16	38	14	46	36	54	23	17	23	7	9	23

1/ Source of data: Labor Turnover Program.
2/ Preliminary.
3/ Revised.
4/ Less than one-half.

NOTE: Accessions other than new hires, and separations other than quits and layoffs are not shown separately, but are included in the appropriate totals.

Accessions in Nebraska manufacturing increased from 26 per 1,000 workers in March 1981 to 40 per 1,000 workers in April 1981. Durable goods increased from 27 per 1,000 to 47 per 1,000, and nondurable goods also increased from 26 per 1,000 to 32 per 1,000 during the same period. Year-to-year, accessions increased from 29 per 1,000 to 40 per 1,000, with durable goods gaining from 29 per 1,000 to 47 per 1,000, and nondurable goods rising from 28 per 1,000 to 32 per 1,000. Separations increased from 27 per 1,000 to 31 per 1,000 month-to-month, but year-to-year dropped from 35 per 1,000. Layoffs were down compared to both a month ago and a year ago, with 5 per 1,000 in April 1981 compared to 8 per 1,000 in March 1981 and in April 1980.

SELECTED UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACTIVITIES

April 1981

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (STATE UI)	Apr 1981	Mar 1981	Apr 1980
CLAIMS RECEIVED - AREA CLAIMS CENTERS			
Initial Claims	5,032	5,832	6,495
Weeks Claimed	45,545	69,871	48,414
BENEFIT ACTIVITIES			
Payments from UI funds	$ 3,714,075	$ 5,798,927	$ 3,801,591
Calendar Year to Date	$20,112,251	$16,398,176	$18,042,301
Average size of weekly payments	$ 91.67	$ 92.46	$ 92.17
First Payments	2,321	3,701	3,076
Exhaustions	1,318	1,693	1,321
Individuals who drew benefits	14,485	19,545	14,846
Rate of insured unemployment	1.9	2.5	1.8
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYEES (UCFE)			
Payments from UCFE funds	$ 57,387	$ 83,431	$ 58,515
Average size of weekly payments	$ 68.89	$ 71.55	$ 73.05
First payments	50	36	39
Exhaustions	33	37	20
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FOR EX-SERVICEMEN (UCX)			
Payments from UCX funds	$ 31,515	$ 42,599	$ 30,481
Average size of weekly payments	$ 91.61	$ 91.41	$ 82.16
First payments	24	17	27
Exhaustions	2	5	1
COVERAGE AND CONTRIBUTIONS			
Subject employers - end of month	37,517	37,504	38,568
Contributions received	$ 9,544,187	$ 232,359	$ 4,911,008
FINANCIAL DATA			
End of month fund balance	$76,025,657	$70,329,329	$77,238,867

UI claims in area claims centers decreased from 5,832 in March 1981 to 5,032 in April. Weeks claimed decreased from 69,871 in March to 45,545 in April 1981.
UI benefit payments decreased from 5.8 million in March to 3.7 million in April 1981.
The number of insured unemployed stood at 14,485 in April 1981 compared to 19,545 in March 1981.
The rate of insured unemployment decreased from 2.5% in March to 1.9% in April 1981.
The year-to-date contributions stood at 16.0 million compared to 11.7 million one year ago.
The fund balance stood at 76.0 million compared to 77.2 million one year ago.

NEBRASKA

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED [1/]

April 1981

	Amount	Percent of Total
SEX:		
Male	6,618	66.3
Female	3,364	33.7
RACE/ETHNIC:		
White	8,928	89.4
All other races	1,054	10.6
AGE:		
Under 22	1,266	12.7
22 -- 24	6,192	62.0
45 & over	2,524	25.3
WEEKS UNEMPLOYED:		
4 or less	3,422	34.3
5 -- 14	4,245	42.5
15 and over	2,315	23.2

	Amount	Percent of Total
OCCUPATION:		
Professtional, Technical and Managerial	2,107	21.1
Clerical and sales	1,511	15.1
Service	726	7.3
Farm and related	125	1.3
Processing	453	4.5
Machine trades	479	4.8
Bench Work	467	4.7
Structural Work	2,770	27.8
Miscellaneous	1,344	13.4
INDUSTRY:		
Construction and Mining	2,427	24.3
Manufacturing	2,462	211.7
Durable goods	1,155	11.6
Nondurable goods	1,307	13.1
Transportation, Communications and Utilities	516	5.2
Trade (Wholesale and Retail)	1,916	19.2
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	258	2.6
Services	1,274	12.8
Government	271	2.7
Other	858	8.5

1/ Source of Data: Percentages computed from a count of all insured unemployed claimants filing at the Nebraska UI AREA CLAIMS CENTERS for a one-week period including the 19th of the month. The insured claimant count for April 1981 was 9,982.

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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

Facts About the Consumer Price Index

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a statistical measure of change, over time, in the prices of goods and services in major expenditure groups - such as food and beverages, housing, apparel, transportation, medical care, and entertainment - typically purchased by urban consumers. It measures the change in prices by comparing what a sample "market basket" of goods and services cost today with what the same sample market basket cost at an earlier date.

The CPI for All Urban Consumers covers about 80 percent of the total noninstitutional population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage - salaried workers, the self-employed, retirees, and the unemployed.

The CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers covers about 40 percent of the total noninstitutional population.

U.S. CITY AVERAGE

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX APRIL 1981

	ALL URBAN CONSUMERS (CPI-U)			WAGE EARNERS AND CLERICAL WORKERS (CPI-W)		
	INDEX 1967=100	Percent Change From 1 Month Ago	Percent Change From 1 Year Ago	INDEX 1967=100	Percent Change From 1 Month Ago	Percent Change From 1 Year Ago
ALL ITEMS	266.8	0.6	10.0	266.8	0.6	10.0
FOOD AND BEVERAGES	265.7	0.3	9.4	266.1	0.2	9.4
Food	272.9	0.3	9.6	273.2	0.2	9.5
Food at home	268.7	0	9.5	268.2	0	9.5
Cereals & bakery products	268.3	0.6	10.9	268.0	0.6	10.7
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	247.7	-1.1	5.4	247.1	-1.1	5.5
Dairy products	243.5	0.4	9.5	243.8	0.5	9.3
Fruits and vegetables	281.9	1.3	17.0	280.0	1.8	16.8
Other foods at home	324.7	0.2	10.0	325.4	0.1	10.5
Food away from home	288.2	0.7	9.6	290.7	0.7	9.6
Alcoholic beverages	197.8	0.4	7.6	199.4	0.4	7.8
HOUSING	284.8	0.8	10.4	284.3	0.7	10.3
Shelter	303.8	0.7	10.1	304.6	0.7	9.9
Rent (residential)	204.2	0.6	9.2	203.9	0.6	9.1
Other rental costs	285.9	0.8	9.7	285.8	0.8	9.7
Homeownership	339.3	0.7	10.3	341.1	0.7	10.0
Fuel and other utilities	310.5	0.7	14.8	311.4	0.6	14.9
Fuels	396.5	0.7	17.4	396.2	0.7	17.4
Fuel oil, coal, & bottled gas	690.6	-0.4	24.1	693.7	-0.4	24.5
Gas (piped) & electricity	330.6	1.2	14.8	329.6	1.1	14.6
Household furnishings & operation	219.2	1.1	8.0	215.9	1.0	7.6
APPAREL AND UPKEEP	186.4	0.7	5.1	186.0	0.9	5.6
Men's & boys' apparel	175.6	0.3	5.2	176.1	0.7	5.3
Women's & girls' apparel	158.8	0.8	1.9	160.7	1.1	3.9
Footwear	199.3	1.0	5.8	198.4	1.3	5.5
TRANSPORTATION	275.3	0.7	11.5	276.3	0.7	11.5
Private transportation	273.4	0.6	10.7	275.1	0.7	10.9
Public transportation	297.2	1.1	26.0	287.7	0.9	25.3
MEDICAL CARE	287.0	0.8	9.5	289.1	0.7	9.9
Medical care services	309.8	0.7	9.3	312.2	0.6	9.7
ENTERTAINMENT	219.2	0.5	8.2	217.0	0.4	7.8
OTHER GOODS AND SERVICES	229.9	0.5	9.6	227.9	0.5	8.9
ALL ITEMS (1967-59=100)	310.2			310.3		

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QUESTION: Where do we get the employment data contained in this publication?

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This makes it possible for us to supply information necessary for planning and decision-making to Nebraska employers, governmental units, labor organizations, and other individuals and agencies with a need to know about the Nebraska labor force and industrial composition.

JOB SERVICE OF NEBRASKA

NEBRASKA Work Trends

May 1981

Table 1. Workers in the health services industry by segment, May 1970 to May 1979

[Numbers in thousands]

Year	Total employed	Health services industry					
		Total	Hospitals	Convalescent institutions	Physicians' offices	Dentists offices	Other [1]
1970	78,358	4,323	2,727	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	1,596
1971	78,708	4,605	2,878	590	486	234	418
1972	81,224	4,850	2,914	651	557	255	473
1973	83,758	5,235	3,114	760	594	268	499
1974	85,786	5,470	3,190	809	605	292	575
1975	84,146	5,741	3,392	864	570	345	610
1976	87,278	6,140	3,568	933	657	332	650
1977	90,482	6,267	3,507	975	685	323	777
1978	93,904	6,522	3,661	924	815	353	769
1979	96,327	6,699	3,753	1,012	779	351	804
Percent increase 1970-79	22.9	54.9	37.6	71.5 [2]	60.3 [2]	50.0 [2]	92.3

[1] Includes persons employed in nonhospital clinics, medical and dental laboratories, nonphysician practitioners' offices and other health services not elsewhere classified.

[2] Represents the sum of persons at work in convalescent institutions, physicians' and dentists' offices, and in other health services not elsewhere classified.

[2] Increase for 1971-79.

Note: Because of rounding, sums of individual items may not equal totals.

N.A. Not available separately.

Table 2. Workers in the health services industry, by selected occupations, May 1971 and May 1979

[Numbers in thousands]

Occupation	1971			1979		
	Total health services	Hospital	Medical except hospital	Total health services	Hospital	Medical except hospital
Total [1]	4,605	2,878	1,728	6,699	3,753	2,948
Managerial, professional, and technical workers, total	1,586	929	657	2,445	1,433	1,012
Health administrators	128	70	58	148	76	72
Physicians	290	99	191	419	135	284
Dentists	108	-	108	133	4	129
Registered nurses	662	491	171	1,063	794	269
Therapists	83	49	34	184	100	84
Technologists and technicians	293	199	94	446	293	153
Dietitians	28	21	7	52	31	21
Service and clerical workers, total	2,238	1,506	732	3,051	1,716	1,335
Licensed practical nurses	279	210	69	333	230	103
Nurses' aides	770	533	237	940	483	457
Food, laundry, and housekeeping	597	434	163	680	428	251
Clerical	592	329	263	1,099	575	524

[1] Total includes other occupations not shown in table.

Source of data: Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, as presented in Monthly Labor Review, May 1981.

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ESTIMATES OF LABOR FORCE DATA [1/]

(Job Seekers and Job Holders - by Residence)

	Preliminary	Revised		Change From:	
	May 1981	Apr 1981	May 1980	Apr 1981	May 1980
NEBRASKA					
Civilian Labor Force	803,350	792,250	807,200	11,100	- 3,850
Employment	774,550	762,550	777,850	12,000	- 3,300
Unemployment	28,800	29,700	29,350	- 900	- 550
Unemployment Rate [2/]	3.6	3.7	3.6	xxx	xxx
OMAHA SMSA [3/]					
Civilian Labor Force	285,350	283,500	289,000	1,850	- 3,650
Employment	273,050	270,500	275,350	2,550	- 2,300
Unemployment	12,300	13,000	13,650	- 700	- 1,350
Unemployment Rate [2/]	4.3	4.6	4.7	xxx	xxx
LINCOLN SMSA [4/]					
Civilian Labor Force	113,550	112,250	114,050	1,300	- 500
Employment	109,900	108,650	109,850	1,250	50
Unemployment	3,650	3,600	4,200	50	- 550
Unemployment Rate [2/]	3.2	3.2	3.7	xxx	xxx

1/ Estimates are based on the March 1980 benchmark, and all months are comparable. Totals are rounded to the nearest 50 and subtotals may not add to totals due to rounding.

2/ Ratios of unemployment to civilian labor force, based upon unrounded data.

3/ Douglas and Sarpy Counties in Nebraska and Pottawattamie County in Iowa are considered a single unit of residence for the SMSA concept only. The Nebraska portion of the labor force, estimated at 243,700 is included in the Nebraska total, but the Iowa portion, 41,650 is excluded from the Nebraska total.

4/ Defined as Lancaster County.

UNEMPLOYMENT TRENDS

Nebraska's unemployment decreased by 900 from April 1981 to May 1981, reaching a new total of 28,800. The May 1981 total was 550 less than in May 1980. The unemployment moved downward from 3.7 percent in April 1981 to 3.6 percent in May 1981, and compared to 3.6 percent in May 1980.

Unemployment totals for the Omaha SMSA dropped by 700 from April 1981 to May 1981, and also decreased by 1,350 from May 1980. The unemployment rate was reduced from 4.6 percent in April 1981 to 4.3 percent in May 1981, and compared to 4.7 percent in May 1980.

The number of unemployed in the Lincoln SMSA increased by 50 from April 1981 to May 1981, and decreased by 550 from May 1980. The unemployment rate remained the same in May 1981 (3.2 percent) that it had been in April 1981, and compared to 3.7 percent in May 1980.

Nebraska's labor force is projected to increase by 7,350 from May 1981 to June 1981, reaching a new total of 810,700. The unemployment segment is projected at 31,800, while the employment segment is projected at 778,900.

ESTIMATES OF NEBRASKA NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT DATA 1/

Job Count - Workers by Industry

INDUSTRY	May 1981	Apr 1981	May 1980	Change From Apr 1981	Change From May 1980	Percent Change From May 1980
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY	636,665	628,928	638,325	7,737	-1,660	-0.3
MANUFACTURING	96,166	95,509	95,168	657	998	1.0
Durable goods	49,716	49,334	49,942	382	-226	-0.5
Construction material	4,911	4,877	4,835	34	76	1.6
Lumber & wood products, except furniture	2,282	2,288	2,025	-6	257	12.7
Stone, clay, glass & concrete products	2,629	2,589	2,810	40	-181	-6.4
Furniture & fixtures	1,661	1,658	1,737	3	-76	-4.4
Metals	8,939	8,930	9,294	9	-355	-3.8
Primary metal industries	1,877	1,874	1,961	3	-84	-4.3
Fabricated metal products, except machinery & transportation equip.	7,062	7,056	7,333	6	-271	-3.7
Machinery except electrical	13,879	13,552	12,911	327	968	7.5
Farm machinery & equipment	7,806	7,772	7,484	34	322	4.3
Electrical & electronic machinery, equipment & supplies	9,812	9,767	10,417	45	-605	-5.8
Transportation equipment	5,109	5,086	5,266	23	-157	-3.0
Motor vehicles & motor vehicle equipment	2,452	2,400	2,858	52	-406	-14.2
Other durable goods (including instruments; toys & sporting goods; costume jewelry & notions; etc.)	5,405	5,464	5,482	-59	-77	-1.4
Nondurable goods	46,450	46,175	45,226	275	1,224	2.7
Food & kindred products	26,538	26,384	26,405	154	133	0.5
Meat products	13,243	13,612	13,066	-369	177	1.4
Dairy products	1,916	1,892	1,828	24	88	4.8
Grain mill	4,508	4,195	4,756	313	-248	-5.2
Other food products (including canned & preserved products; bakery products; sugar & confectionery products; beverages; etc.)	6,871	6,685	6,755	186	116	1.7
Textile products & apparel	2,585	2,502	2,432	83	153	6.3
Printing, publishing & allied industries	7,719	7,666	7,618	53	101	1.3
Chemicals & allied products	2,647	2,640	2,565	7	82	3.2
Other nondurable goods (including rubber & miscellaneous plastics; paper & allied products; etc.)	6,961	6,983	6,206	-22	755	12.2
NONMANUFACTURING	540,499	533,419	543,157	7,080	-2,653	-0.5
MINING	1,642	1,578	1,739	64	-97	-5.6
CONSTRUCTION	28,066	27,320	29,724	746	-1,658	-5.6
Building construction - general contractors & operative builders	8,224	7,908	8,165	316	59	0.7
Construction other than building construction - general contractors	5,587	5,281	7,172	306	-1,585	-22.1
Construction - special trade contractors	14,255	14,131	14,387	124	-132	-0.9
TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATIONS, ELECTRIC, GAS, & SANITARY SERVICES	47,629	46,997	47,816	632	-187	-0.4
Railroad transportation	16,558	16,076	16,874	482	-316	-1.9
Other transportation (including buses & taxicabs; motor freight transportation & warehousing; etc.)	14,385	14,373	14,222	12	163	1.1
Communication & electric, gas, & sanitary services	16,686	16,548	16,720	138	-34	-0.2

TRADE	165,386	163,237	166,461	2,149	-1,075	-0.6
Wholesale	49,566	49,348	50,471	218	-905	-1.8
Durable	25,276	25,062	25,448	214	-172	-0.7
Nondurable	24,290	24,286	25,023	4	-733	-2.9
Retail	115,820	113,889	115,990	1,931	-170	-.1
Building materials, hardware, garden supply, & mobile home dealers	7,019	6,828	6,946	191	73	1.1
General merchandise stores	14,759	14,516	16,115	243	-1,356	-8.4
Food stores	15,651	15,587	15,619	64	32	0.2
Automotive dealers & gasoline service stations	15,280	15,123	15,853	157	-573	-3.6
Apparel & accessory stores	6,686	6,660	6,275	26	411	6.5
Furniture, home furnishings, & equipment stores	4,097	4,114	4,067	-17	30	0.7
Eating & drinking places	39,753	38,708	38,692	1,045	1,061	2.7
Miscellaneous retail	12,575	12,353	12,423	222	152	1.2
Drug stores & proprietary stores	3,528	3,544	3,563	-16	-35	-1.0
Other miscellaneous retail (including liquor stores; sporting goods stores; jewelry; florists; etc.)	9,047	8,809	8,860	238	187	2.1
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	43,301	43,160	42,259	141	1,042	2.5
Banking	10,948	10,883	10,703	65	245	2.3
Insurance	20,842	20,789	20,561	53	281	1.4
Real Estate	4,603	4,510	4,638	93	-35	-0.8
Other finance, insurance, & real estate (including credit agencies other than banks; security & commodity exchange & services; etc.)	6,908	6,978	6,357	-70	551	8.7
SERVICES EXCEPT DOMESTIC	121,840	119,912	119,513	1,928	2,327	1.9
Hotels, rooming houses, camps, & other lodging places	7,038	6,748	7,164	290	-126	-1.8
Personal services	6,076	6,382	6,409	-306	-333	-5.2
Business services	16,727	16,380	16,067	347	660	4.1
Automotive repair, services, & garages	3,839	3,824	3,797	15	42	1.1
Amusement & recreation (including motion pictures)	7,466	6,855	6,391	611	1,075	16.8
Health services	43,516	43,225	41,738	291	1,778	4.3
Educational services	8,651	8,929	9,376	-278	-725	-7.7
Social services	6,079	6,162	6,368	-83	-289	-4.5
Membership organizations	9,481	8,714	9,860	767	-379	-3.8
Other services (including legal & other professional services; miscellaneous repair services; agricultural services; etc.)	12,967	12,693	12,343	274	624	5.1
GOVERNMENT	132,635	131,215	135,645	1,420	-3,010	-2.2
Federal	15,922	15,535	17,376	387	-1,454	-8.4
State	32,646	31,480	33,305	1,166	-659	-2.0
Local	84,067	84,200	84,964	-133	-897	-1.1

1/ Source of data: Current Employment Statistics Program. Estimates are based on the March 1980 benchmark, and all months are comparable.
2/ Preliminary estimates.
3/ Revised.

MAY 1981 IN REVIEW . . . . . .

Employment in Nebraska's nonagricultural industries increased by 7,737 from April 1981 to May 1981. This included an increase of 657 in manufacturing and a gain of 7,280 in nonmanufacturing.

The increase of 657 in manufacturing included a gain of 382 in durable goods and an increase of 275 in nondurable goods. The major increase in durable goods occurred in machinery except electrical (327). The majority of the gain in nondurable goods was in food and kindred products (154).

Month-to-month increases occurred in all major industry groups, including trade (2,149), services (1,928), government (1,420), construction/mining (810), transportation-communication-utilities (632), and finance-insurance-real estate (141). The increase of 2,149 in trade included a rise of 218 in wholesale trade along with an increase of 1,931 in retail trade. The largest increase in retail trade occurred in eating and drinking places (1,045). Over seven-tenths of the increase in services occurred in two categories: membership services (767) and amusement and recreation (611). Most of the increase in government occurred in customary seasonal fluctuations in hourly workers in educational services.

ANNUAL CHANGES . . . . . .

Employment in Nebraska's nonagricultural industries dropped by 1,660 from May 1980 to May 1981. This included a decline of 2,453 in nonmanufacturing which considerably more than counter-balanced a gain of 998 in manufacturing.

The year-to-year increase of 998 in manufacturing included a drop of 226 in durable goods more than offset by a rise of 1,224 in nondurable goods. The major increase in nondurable goods occurred in other nondurable goods (including paper and allied products, petroleum refining and related, rubber and miscellaneous plastics, and leather and leather products).

Year-to-year increases also occurred in services (2,327) and finance-insurance-real estate (1,042). The chief gainer in services was health services (1,778).

Year-to-year losses were registered for government (-3,010), construction/mining (-1,755), trade (-1,075), and transportation-communication-real estate (-187). The reduction of 3,010 in government occurred in all categories: federal, state and local. The decline of 1,075 in trade included a drop of 905 in wholesale trade and a dip of 170 in retail trade.

OUTLOOK . . . . . .

Employment activity in July 1981 is projected to show a slight increase in transportation-communication-utilities. A substantial rise is anticipated in agriculture, reflecting customary seasonal trends. Employment levels are expected to remain relatively unchanged in construction/mining, manufacturing, trade, finance-insurance-real estate, and service. Government is expected to have a customary seasonal drop, primarily in educational services.

WORKER SUPPLY AND EMPLOYER DEMAND

APPLICANTS AND NONAGRICULTURAL OPENINGS IN NEBRASKA JOB SERVICE OFFICES 1/

May 1981

		Applicants Available FY to Date 2/	Active File	Nonag Job Openings Unfilled: Rec'd FY to Date 2/	Unfilled: Total	Unfilled: 30 days or more	Applicants/ Openings FY to date	Active File/ Unfilled Openings End-of-Mo.	Unfilled Openings 30 days + % of Total
	TOTAL 3/	97,387	32,059	34,383	4,657	3,680	3.83	6.88	79.0
0 - 1	Professional, technical and managerial	10,374	3,350	2,632	1,565	1,393	3.94	2.14	89.0
2	Clerical and sales	25,181	7,798	7,815	1,938	1,555	3.22	4.02	80.2
	Entry codes 4/	4,805	1,538	-----	-----	-----	----	----	----
	20-24 Clerical	15.533	4,779	6,016	1,699	1,399	2.58	2.81	82.3
	25-29 Sales	4,843	1,481	1,799	239	156	2.69	6.20	65.3
3.	Service	16,153	5,640	7,142	421	219	2.26	13.40	52.0
	Entry codes 4/	2,456	828	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	----
	30 Domestic	932	356	1,186	44	23	0.79	8.09	52.3
	31-39 Other	12,765	4,456	5,956	377	196	2.14	11.82	52.0
4	Farm, forestry, fisheries	3,288	830	910	21	14	3.61	39.52	66.7
5	Processing	2,360	671	1,559	21	5	1.51	31.95	23.8
6.	Machine trades	4,863	1,568	1,267	103	73	3.84	15.22	70.9
7.	Bench work	4,622	1,371	1,146	84	45	4.03	16.32	53.6
8	Structural work	12,220	4,222	3,828	138	86	3.19	30.59	62.3
9	Miscellaneous	13,645	4,718	8,077	133	58	1.69	35.47	43.6
	Entry codes 4/	2,357	778	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	----
	90-91 Motor freight, transportation	4,977	1,750	2,855	61	22	1.74	28.69	36.1
	92 Packaging, materials handling	5,855	2,043	4,943	54	29	1.18	37.83	53.7
	93-97 Other 5/	456	147	279	18	7	1.63	8.17	38.9

1/ Source of data: ESARS (Employment Security Automated Reporting System).
2/ Period covered: 10-1-80 through May-31-81. FY 1981 defined as 10-1-78 through 9-30-79.
3/ Total includes occupational codes not assigned.
4/ Applicants for whom a complete occupational code cannot be assigned because of lack of training/experience.
5/ Includes mining, lodging, utilities, miscellaneous amusement and recreation, graphic art work.

JOB OPENINGS IN NEBRASKA JOB SERVICE OFFICES 1/

BY OCCUPATION

May 1981

OCCUPATIONAL CATEGORY	OPENINGS AVAILABLE				OPENINGS UNFILLED AT MONTH END			
	NUMBER		AVERAGE PAY		TOTAL		UNFILLED 30 DAYS OR MORE	
	Current	Last Month	Current	Last Month	Current	Last Month	Current	Last Month
TOTAL, ALL OCCUPATIONS	3,164	3,778	$ 9,780/yr	$ 9,519/yr	1,480	2,063	763	1,116
Professional, Technical and Managerial	692	725	12,735/yr	12,745/yr	502	579	352	396
Clerical and Sales	910	1,148	8,331/yr	8,293/yr	451	709	172	428
Service	446	499	3.72/hr	3.71/hr	161	249	64	110
Farming, Fishery, Forestry, and Related	84	110	4.17/hr	4.00/hr	23	30	12	3
Processing	121	132	4.95/hr	4.79/hr	14	22	1	12
Machine Trades	176	252	5.26/hr	4.76/hr	84	131	57	52
Bench Work	122	137	3.93/hr	3.78/hr	65	71	29	43
Structural Work	300	405	4.89/hr	4.74/hr	100	160	52	44
Miscellaneous	313	370	4.67/hr	4.72/hr	80	112	24	28

1/ Source of Data: Job Bank data from Nebraska Job Service Offices.

ESTIMATES OF HOURS AND EARNINGS IN NEBRASKA MANUFACTURING 1/

May 1981

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	May 1981 2/	Apr 1981 3/	May 1980 3/	May 1981 2/	Apr 1981 3/	May 1980 3/	May 1981 2/	Apr 1981 3/	Apr 1980 3/
MANUFACTURING - TOTAL	$317.97	$312.43	$287.56	40.3	39.8	39.5	$7.89	$7.85	$7.28
Durable goods	319.09	315.90	280.45	40.7	40.5	39.5	7.84	7.80	7.10
Lumber, stone, clay glass products	288.39	290.97	258.00	42.1	41.9	40.0	6.85	6.94	6.45
Primary and fabricated metals	320.74	313.96	280.32	40.6	40.2	38.4	7.90	7.81	7.30
Machinery and transportation equipment	344.83	343.17	303.96	41.1	41.0	40.1	8.39	8.37	7.58
Nondurable goods	317.21	309.28	295.86	39.9	39.1	39.5	7.95	7.91	7.49
Food and kindred products	354.80	345.02	328.45	41.4	40.4	40.7	8.57	8.54	8.07
Meet products	377.92	377.06	358.03	40.9	40.5	41.2	9.24	9.31	8.69
Dairy products	231.51	223.28	210.82	37.4	37.4	36.6	6.19	5.97	5.76
Grain mill products	422.20	369.00	402.28	45.3	41.0	45.2	9.32	9.00	8.90
Bakery products	296.66	278.38	236.95	37.6	36.2	35.0	7.89	7.69	6.77
Other food and kindred products	266.62	270.17	217.62	41.4	41.5	37.2	6.44	6.51	5.85
Printing and publishing	245.70	242.54	245.82	35.2	35.1	36.8	6.98	6.91	6.68
Chemicals and allied products	307.27	314.16	294.69	41.3	42.0	43.4	7.44	7.48	6.79

1/ Source of data: Current Employment Statistics Program.
2/ Preliminary.
3/ Revised.

Average weekly earnings in Nebraska manufacturing increased by $5.54 from April 1981 to May 1981 This included a rise of $3.19 in durable goods and a gain of $7.93 in nondurable goods. From May 1980 to May 1981, average weekly earnings increased by $30.41, with durable goods gaining by $38.64 and nondurable goods increasing $21.35. Average weekly hours increased 0.5 hours month-to-month and 0.8 hours year-to-year. From April 1981 to May 1981, average hourly earnings dropped $.04, but showed a gain of $.61 from May 1980 to May 1981.

ESTIMATES OF ACCESSION AND SEPARATION RATES IN NEBRASKA MANUFACTURING 1/

(Per 1,000 Workers)

APR 1981

INDUSTRY	ACCESSION RATES						SEPARATION RATES								
	Total			New Hires			Total			Quits			Layoffs		
	Apr 1981	Mar 1981 2/	Apr 1980 3/	Apr 1981	Mar 1981 2/	Apr 1980 3/	Apr 1981	Mar 1981 2/	Apr 1980 3/	Apr 1981	Mar 1981 2/	Apr 1980 3/	Apr 1981	Mar 1981 2/	Apr 1980 3/
MANUFACTURING - TOTAL	33	39	26	26	27	22	31	32	44	19	18	20	4	6	16
Durable goods	30	47	23	22	26	18	27	30	44	17	17	20	3	6	16
Lumber, stone, clay, glass products	62	76	53	41	25	38	29	40	57	21	20	30	4/	16	16
Furniture and fixtures	10	5	10	9	5	10	26	20	37	23	16	22	4/	4/	2
Primary and fabricated metals	39	37	25	26	26	15	31	36	36	15	16	16	8	13	14
Machinery and transportation equip.	26	51	16	20	29	14	25	24	45	17	16	18	2	2	19
Other durable goods	19	24	37	16	19	30	31	44	47	18	20	26	2	5	8
Nondurable goods	36	31	30	30	28	26	37	35	43	22	20	21	6	7	16
Food and kindred products	33	29	31	29	27	26	36	36	41	22	18	21	6	8	13
Meat products	37	37	30	34	36	27	41	31	47	27	26	24	7	4/	15
Dairy products	14	20	22	14	20	22	18	25	14	7	15	5	4/	5	5
Grain mill products	20	14	21	15	11	14	32	32	23	12	5	17	6	5	2
Bakery products	26	25	35	21	20	31	34	26	31	24	10	21	4/	1	2
Other food and kindred products	44	26	46	39	22	36	34	63	58	23	12	26	5	44	27
Textiles and apparel	80	62	54	71	59	51	90	44	49	60	41	33	23	1	12
Paper and allied products	42	21	14	21	21	13	18	51	24	16	15	15	4/	32	4
Printing and publishing	19	32	31	11	29	30	21	27	40	6	21	26	5	1	8
Chemicals and allied products	19	29	24	11	25	24	21	16	16	6	8	7	5	3	5
Petroleum, rubber, plastic products and leather.	56	27	22	54	16	13	47	46	77	33	23	11	1	7	57

1/ Source of data: Labor Turnover Program.

2/ Preliminary

3/ Revised.

NOTE: Accessions other than new hires, and separations other than quits and layoffs are not shown separately, but are included in the appropriate totals.

Accession rates in Nebraska manufacturing dropped from 39 per 1,000 workers in March 1981 to 33 per 1,000 in April 1981. During that period, durable goods declined from 47 per 1,000 to 30 per 1,000, and nondurable goods gained from 31 per 1,000 to 36 per 1,000. Year-to-year, accession rates increased from 26 per 1,000 to 33 per 1,000, with durable goods increasing from 23 per 1,000 to 30 per 1,000, and nondurable goods increasing from 30 per 1,000 to 36 per 1,000. Separation rates dipped month-to-month from 32 per 1,000 to 31 per 1,000, and compared to 44 per 1,000 a year ago. Layoffs dropped from 6 per 1,000 in March 1981 to 4 per 1,000 in April 1981, and compared to 16 per 1,000 in April 1980.

SELECTED UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACTIVITIES

MAY 1981

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (STATE UI)	May 1981	Apr 1981	May 1980
CLAIMS RECEIVED - AREA CLAIMS CENTERS			
Initial Claims	5,177	5,032	7,839
Weeks Claimed	37,336	45,545	39,600
BENEFIT ACTIVITIES			
Payments from UI Funds	$ 2,895,019	$ 3,714,075	$ 3,047,219
Calendar Year to Date	$23,007,270	$20,112,251	$21,089,520
Average size of Weekly Payments	$ 92.71	$ 91.67	$ 91.24
First payments	2,108	2,321	3,370
Exhaustions	1,064	1,318	1,038
Individuals who drew Benefits	11,816	14,485	12,637
Rate of Insured Unemployment	1.6	1.9	1.6
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYEES (UCFE)			
Payments from UCFE Funds	$ 61,087	$ 57,387	$ 51,555
Average size of Weekly Payments	$ 73.96	$ 68.89	$ 73.13
First Payments	62	50	49
Exhaustions	12	33	26
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FOR EX-SERVICEMEN (UCX)			
Payments from UCX Funds	$ 28,038	$ 31,515	$ 31,429
Average size of Weekly Payments	$ 90.45	$ 91.61	$ 90.31
First Payments	12	24	31
Exhaustions	3	2	2
COVERAGE AND CONTRIBUTIONS			
Subject employers - end of month	37,687	37,517	38,534
Contributions received	$12,209,615	$ 9,544,187	$ 9,687,618
FINANCIAL DATA			
End of month Fund Balance	85,863,538	$76,025,657	$84,241,478

UI initial claims in area claims centers increased from 5,032 in April to 5,177 in May 1981. Weeks claimed decreased from 45,545 in April to 37,336 in May 1981.

UI benefit payments decreased from 3.7 million in April to 2.9 million in May 1981. The number of insured unemployed stood at 11,816 in May compared to 14,485 in April 1981. The rate of insured unemployment decreased from 1.9% in April to 1.6% in May 1981.

The year-to-date contributions stood at 28.2 million compared to 21.4 million one year ago.

The fund balance stood at 85.9 million compared to 84.2 million one year ago.

NEBRASKA

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED [1/]

May 1981

SEX	Amount	Percent of Total
Male	5,419	63.5
Female	3,116	36.5
RACE/ETHNIC		
White	7,547	88.4
All Other Races	988	11.6
AGE		
Under 22	1,052	12.3
22 - 44	6,515	76.3
45 and Over	968	11.4
WEEKS UNEMPLOYED		
4 or Less	3,347	39.2
5 - 14	3,273	38.3
15 and Over	1,915	22.5

OCCUPATION	Amount	Percent of Total
Professional, Technical and Managerial	1,951	22.9
Clerical and Sales	1,394	16.3
Service	677	7.9
Farm and Related	66	0.8
Processing	404	4.7
Machine Trades	416	4.9
Bench Work	336	3.9
Structural Work	2,231	26.2
Miscellaneous	1,060	12.4
INDUSTRY		
Construction and Mining	1,887	22.1
Manufacturing	2,024	23.7
Durable Goods	894	10.5
Nondurable Goods	1,130	13.2
Transportation, Communications and Utilities	432	5.1
Trade (Wholesale and Retail	1,748	20.5
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	258	3.0
Services	1,283	15.0
Government	245	2.9
Other	658	7.7

1/ Source of Data: Percentages computed from a count of all insured unemployed claimants filing at the Nebraska UI AREA CLAIMS CENTERS for a one-week period including the 19th of the month. The insured claimant count for May 1981 was 8,535.

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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

Facts About the Consumer Price Index

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a statistical measure of change, over time, in the prices of goods and services in major expenditure groups - such as food and beverages, housing, apparel, transportation, medical care, and entertainment - typically purchased by urban consumers. It measures the change in prices by comparing what a sample "market basket" of goods and services cost today with what the same sample market basket cost at an earlier date.

The CPI for All Urban Consumers covers about 80 percent of the total noninstitutional population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage - salaried workers, the self-employed, retirees, and the unemployed.

The CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers covers about 40 percent of the total noninstitutional population.

U.S. CITY AVERAGE

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX MAY 1981

	ALL URBAN CONSUMERS (CPI-U)			WAGE EARNERS AND CLERICAL WORKERS (CPI-W)		
		Percent Change From			Percent Change From	
	INDEX 1967=100	1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago	INDEX 1967=100	1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago
ALL ITEMS	269.0	0.8	9.8	269.1	0.9	9.8
FOOD AND BEVERAGES	265.4	-0.1	8.7	265.9	-0.1	8.7
Food	272.5	-0.1	9.8	272.9	-0.1	8.7
Food at home	267.7	-0.4	8.6	267.2	-0.4	8.6
Cereals & bakery products	270.0	0.6	10.4	269.0	0.5	10.2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	247.0	-0.3	6.7	246.3	-0.3	6.8
Dairy products	243.8	0.1	7.8	243.9	0	7.5
Fruits and vegetables	276.8	-1.8	12.2	274.3	-2.0	11.7
Other foods at home	323.7	-0.3	8.6	324.8	-0.2	9.0
Food away from home	289.3	0.4	9.3	291.9	0.4	9.1
Alcoholic beverages	199.1	0.7	7.4	201.2	0.9	7.7
HOUSING	288.5	1.3	10.2	288.1	1.3	10.1
Shelter	308.4	1.5	10.1	309.4	1.6	9.9
Rent (residential)	205.9	0.8	9.0	205.5	0.8	8.9
Other rental costs	286.4	0.2	9.4	286.1	0.1	9.3
Homeownership	345.0	1.7	10.3	347.1	1.8	10.1
Fuel and other utilities	314.9	1.4	14.1	315.7	1.4	14.2
Fuels	403.3	1.7	16.4	402.5	1.6	16.3
Fuel oil, coal, & bottled gas	685.8	-0.7	23.3	688.6	-0.7	23.6
Gas (piped) & electricity	339.6	2.7	13.9	338.1	2.6	13.6
Household furnishings & operation	220.1	0.4	7.8	216.8	0.4	7.4
APPAREL AND UPKEEP	186.4	0	5.0	186.2	0.1	5.3
Men's & boys' apparel	176.8	0.7	5.2	177.3	0.7	5.0
Women's & girls' apparel	157.2	-1.0	2.0	160.0	-0.4	3.8
Footwear	201.0	0.9	6.2	200.0	0.8	5.7
TRANSPORTATION	277.8	0.9	11.6	278.9	0.9	11.6
Private transportation	276.0	1.0	10.8	277.7	0.9	11.0
Public transportation	297.7	0.2	24.3	288.2	0.2	23.7
MEDICAL CARE	289.0	0.7	9.7	290.8	0.6	9.8
Medical care services	311.7	0.6	9.5	313.6	0.4	9.5
ENTERTAINMENT	220.3	0.5	8.0	217.7	0.3	7.6
OTHER GOODS AND SERVICES	232.2	1.0	9.9	230.4	1.1	9.4
ALL ITEMS (1957-59=100)	312.9			312.9		

QUESTION: Where do we get the employment data contained in this publication?

ANSWER: From YOU - the employer!

The Nebraska Department of Labor, Division of Employment, would like to take this opportunity to extend our gratitude and appreciation to those cooperating employers who provide us with requested data.

This makes it possible for us to supply information necessary for planning and decision-making to Nebraska employers, governmental units, labor organizations, and other individuals and agencies with a need to know about the Nebraska labor force and industrial composition.

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N E B R A S K A

ESTIMATES OF LABOR FORCE DATA [1/]

(Job Seekers and Job Holders - by Residence)

	Preliminary June 1981	Revised May 1981	Revised Jun 1980	Change From: May 1981	Change From: Jun 1980
Civilian Labor Force	819,450	802,750	816,450	16,700	3,000
Employment	786,900	773,950	783,100	12,950	3,800
Nonagricultural	695,300	689,850	692,250	5,450	3,050
Agricultural	91,600	84,100	90,850	7,500	750
Unemployment	32,550	28,800	33,350	3,750	- 800
Unemployment Rate [2/]	4.0	3.6	4.1	xxx	xxx

1/ Estimates are based on the March 1980 benchmark, and all months are comparable. Totals are rounded to the nearest 50 and subtotals may not add to totals due to rounding.

2/ Ratios of Unemployment to civilian labor force, based upon unrounded data.

H I G H L I G H T S

The Nebraska civilian labor force increased by 16,700 from May 1981 to June 1981, and also gained by 3,000 from June 1980 to June 1981. Total employment increased by 12,950 month-to-month, and also rose by 3,800 year-to-year. Nonagricultural employment increased by 5,450 from May 1981 to June 1981, and also showed a gain of 3,050 from June 1980 to June 1981. Agricultural employment increased by 7,500 month-to-month, and also gained by 750 year-to-year.

Unemployment in Nebraska increased by 3,750 from May 1981 to June 1981, reaching a new total of 32,550. Unemployment dropped by 800 from June 1980 to June 1981. The unemployment rate increased from 3.6 percent in May 1981 to 4.0 percent in June 1981, and compared to 4.1 percent in June 1980.

Nebraska's labor force is projected to drop by 10,100 from June 1981 to July 1981, reaching a new total of 819,450. The unemployment segment is projected at 30,000. The employment segment is projected at 779,350.

Labor force changes from June 1981 to July 1981 primarily reflect customary seasonal trends.

ESTIMATES OF NEBRASKA NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT DATA 1/

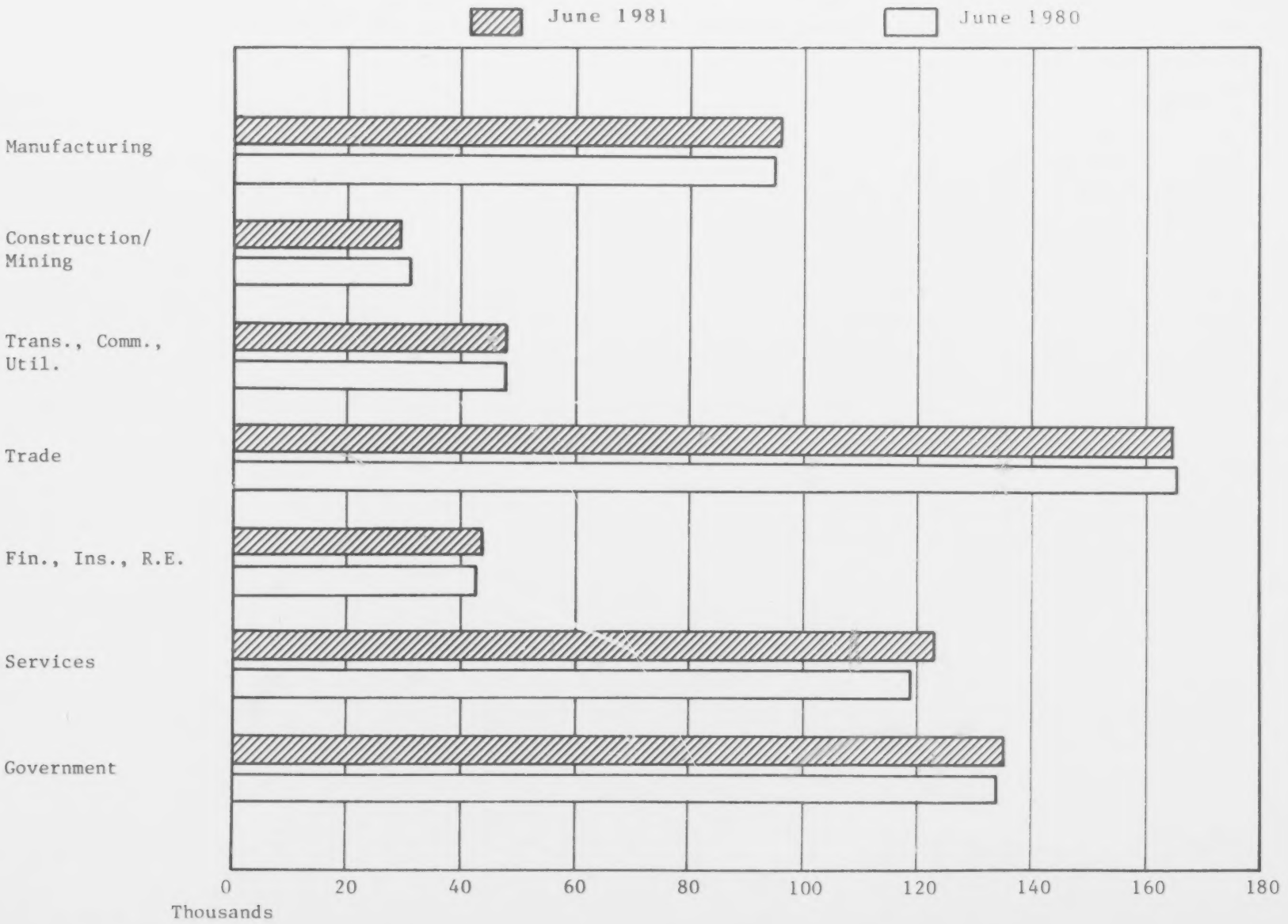
Job Count - Workers by Industry

INDUSTRY	June 1981 2/	May 1981 3/	June 1980 3/	Change From: May 1981	Change From: June 1980	Percent Change From: June 1980
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY	640,472	636,059	635,130	4,413	5,342	0.8
MANUFACTURING	96,655	96,420	94,683	235	1,972	2.1
Durable goods	49,601	49,723	48,863	- 122	738	1.5
Construction material	4,974	4,939	4,773	35	201	4.2
Lumber & wood products, except furniture	2,295	2,311	1,932	- 16	363	18.8
Stone, clay, glass & concrete products	2,679	2,628	2,841	51	- 162	- 5.7
Furniture & fixtures	1,635	1,641	1,741	- 6	- 106	- 6.1
Metals	9,072	9,050	9,265	22	- 193	- 2.1
Primary metal industries	1,906	1,882	1,968	24	- 62	- 3.2
Fabricated metal products, except machinery & trans. equipment	7,166	7,168	7,297	- 2	- 131	- 1.8
Machinery except electrical	13,866	13,801	12,522	64	1,344	10.7
Farm machinery & equipment	7,578	7,709	7,242	- 131	336	4.6
Electrical & electronic machinery, equipment & supplies	9,525	9,776	10,010	- 251	- 485	- 4.8
Transportation equipment	5,089	5,109	5,138	- 20	- 49	- 1.0
Motor vehicles & motor vehicle equipment	2,497	2,452	2,657	45	- 160	- 6.0
Other durable goods (including instruments; toys & sporting goods; costume jewelry & notions; etc.)	5,440	5,407	5,414	33	26	0.5
Nondurable goods	47,054	46,697	45,820	357	1,234	2.7
Food & kindred products	27,055	26,784	27,186	271	- 131	- 0.5
Meat products	13,778	13,439	13,314	339	464	3.5
Dairy products	1,847	1,926	1,868	- 79	- 21	- 1.1
Grain mill	4,749	4,554	4,998	195	- 249	- 5.0
Other food products (including canned & preserved products; bakery products; sugar & confectionery products; beverages; etc.)	6,681	6,865	7,006	- 184	- 325	- 4.6
Textile products & apparel	2,671	2,585	2,422	86	249	10.3
Printing, publishing & allied industries	7,721	7,727	7,617	- 6	104	1.4
Chemicals & allied products	2,260	2,644	2,614	- 384	- 354	-13.5
Other nondurable goods (including rubber & miscellaneous plastics; paper & allied products; etc.)	6,947	6,957	5,981	- 10	966	16.2
NONMANUFACTURING	543,817	539,639	540,447	4,178	3,370	0.6
MINING	1,717	1,647	1,760	70	- 43	- 2.4
CONSTRUCTION	27,671	27,307	29,937	364	-2,266	- 7.6
Building construction - general contractors & operative builders	7,888	7,815	8,322	73	- 434	- 5.2
Construction other than building construction - gen. contractors	5,819	5,648	7,257	171	-1,438	-19.8
Construction - special trade contractors	13,964	13,844	14,358	120	- 394	- 2.7
TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATION AND UTILITIES	47,921	47,432	47,364	489	557	1.2
Railroad transportation	16,720	16,312	16,213	408	507	3.1
Other transportation (including buses & taxicabs; motor freight transportation & warehousing; etc.)	14,572	14,575	14,377	- 3	195	1.4
Communication & electric, gas & sanitary services	16,629	16,505	16,774	124	- 145	- 0.9

TRADE	164,896	165,139	165,561	- 243	- 665	- 0.4
Wholesale	49,847	49,457	50,307	390	- 460	- 0.9
Durable goods	25,172	25,051	24,999	121	173	0.7
Nondurable goods	24,675	24,406	25,308	269	- 633	- 2.5
Retail	115,049	115,682	115,254	- 633	- 205	- 0.2
Building materials, hardware, garden supply, & mobile home dealers	6,810	6,907	7,146	- 97	- 336	- 4.7
General merchandise stores	14,792	14,982	15,716	- 190	- 924	- 5.9
Food stores	15,591	15,712	15,457	- 121	134	0.9
Automotive dealers & gasoline service stations	15,396	15,360	15,821	36	- 425	- 2.7
Apparel & accessory stores	6,401	6,641	6,188	- 240	213	3.4
Furniture, home furnishings, & equipment stores	4,214	4,109	4,044	105	170	4.2
Eating & drinking places	39,538	39,521	38,765	17	773	2.0
Miscellaneous retail	12,307	12,450	12,117	- 143	190	1.6
Drug stores & proprietary stores	3,516	3,523	3,551	- 7	- 35	- 1.0
Other miscellaneous retail (including liquor stores; sporting goods stores; jewelry; florists; etc.)	8,781	8,927	8,566	- 146	215	2.5
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	43,829	43,419	42,718	510	1,111	2.6
Banking	11,060	10,940	10,803	120	257	2.4
Insurance	21,060	20,865	20,742	195	318	1.5
Real estate	4,690	4,601	4,683	89	7	0.1
Other finance, insurance, & real estate (including credit agencies other than banks; security & commodity exchange & services; etc.)	7,019	6,913	6,490	106	529	8.2
SERVICES EXCEPT DOMESTIC	122,623	122,057	118,939	566	3,684	3.1
Hotels, rooming houses, camps & other lodging places	7,201	7,019	7,162	182	39	0.5
Personal services	6,161	6,161	6,381	0	- 220	- 3.4
Business services	17,176	17,118	16,083	58	1,093	6.8
Automotive repair, services, & garages	3,846	3,824	3,821	22	25	0.7
Amusement & recreation	7,980	7,434	6,867	546	1,113	16.2
Health services	44,034	43,516	42,185	518	1,849	4.4
Educational services	7,532	8,558	7,778	-1,026	- 246	- 3.2
Social services	5,998	6,134	6,210	- 136	- 212	- 3.4
Membership services	9,246	9,346	9,790	- 100	- 544	- 5.6
Other services (including legal & other professional services; miscellaneous repair services; agricultural services; etc.)	13,449	12,947	12,662	502	787	6.2
GOVERNMENT	135,160	132,738	134,168	2,422	992	0.7
Federal	15,719	15,634	17,071	85	-1,352	- 7.9
State	34,303	32,646	35,184	1,657	- 881	- 2.5
Local	85,138	84,458	81,913	680	3,225	3.9

1/ Source of data: Current Employment Statistics Program. Estimates are based on the March 1980 benchmark, and all months are compapable.
2/ Preliminary estimates.
3/ Revised.

NEBRASKA NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY



NEBRASKA - WORK FORCE ANALYSIS

June 1981 in review. . . . . .

The Nebraska nonagricultural work force increased by 4,413 from May 1981 to June 1981. This included a small gain of 235 in manufacturing, and a substantial rise of 4,178 in nonmanufacturing.

The increase of 235 in manufacturing included a slight drop of 122 in durable goods that was more than offset by a gain of 357 in nondurable goods. The major decline in durable goods was in electrical and electronic machinery, equipment and supplies (-251). The chief gainer in nondurable goods was food and kindred products (271).

Month-to-month increases occurred in government (2,422), service (566), transportation-communication-utilities (489) and construction/mining (437). The largest increase in government was in state government (1,657), reflecting customary seasonal changes in outdoor employment and in educational services (summer session related). The major increases in services were in amusement and recreation (546) and in health services (518).

From May 1981 to June 1981, work force declines occurred only in trade (-243). Wholesale trade gained by 390, but retail trade more than counterbalanced that with a drop of 633. Over two-thirds of the work force reduction in retail trade occurred in two categories: general merchandise stores (-190), and apparel and accessory stores (-240).

Annual Changes. . . . . .

The Nebraska nonagricultural work force increased by 5,342 from June 1980 to June 1981. This included a gain of 1,972 in manufacturing and a rise of 3,370 in nonmanufacturing.

The increase of 1,972 in manufacturing included a gain of 738 in durable goods and an increase of 1,234 in nondurable goods. The largest increase in durable goods was in machinery except electrical (1,344), and the major increase in nondurable goods was in other durable goods (966 and includes paper and allied products, petroleum refining and related, rubber and miscellaneous plastics, and leather and leather products.)

Year-to-year increases occurred in services (3,684), finance-insurance-real estate (1,111), government (992), and transportation-communication-utilities (557). Over four-fifths of the increase in service occurred in two categories: health services (1,849) and amusement and recreation (1,113). The predominant increase in government occurred in local government (3,225).

Annual Changes (Con't). . . . . .

From June 1980 to June 1981, losses occurred in construction/mining (-2,309), and trade (-665). The drop in trade included a decline of 462 in wholesale trade and a dip of 205 in retail trade.

Outlook. . . . . .

The work force outlook for August 1981 is projected as showing slight decreases in manufacturing, finance-insurance-real estate, and government. Employment levels are expected to remain relatively unchanged in construction/mining, transportation-communication-utilities, trade, and services.

LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT ESTIMATES - BY COUNTIES [1/]

June 1981 (Preliminary)

	Civilian Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Unemployment [1/] Rate
Adams	16,564	16,152	412	2.5
Antelope	4,469	4,330	139	3.1
Arthur	271	264	7	2.6
Banner	422	418	4	0.9
Blaine	348	342	6	1.7
Boone	4,286	4,153	133	3.1
Box Butte	9,491	9,293	198	2.1
Boyd	1,720	1,685	35	2.0
Brown	2,050	2,003	47	2.3
Buffalo	20,130	19,673	457	2.3
Burt	4,279	4,123	156	3.6
Butler	4,639	4,444	195	4.2
Cass	8,701	8,238	463	5.3
Cedar	5,262	5,085	177	3.4
Chase	2,543	2,424	29	1.2
Cherry	3,344	3,267	77	2.3
Cheyenne	5,332	5,161	171	3.2
Clay	3,840	3,750	90	2.3
Colfax	5,227	5,062	165	3.2
Cuming	6,165	6,021	144	2.3
Custer	6,843	6,768	75	1.1
Dakota	7,882	7,408	474	6.0
Dawes	4,296	4,208	88	2.0
Dawson	12,352	11,980	372	3.0
Deuel	1,186	1,172	14	1.2
Dixon	3,672	3,570	102	2.8
Dodge	21,035	20,029	1,006	4.8
Douglas	206,280	194,501	11,779	5.7
Dundy	1,183	1,159	24	2.0
Fillmore	3,899	3,844	55	1.4
Franklin	2,074	2,058	16	0.8

LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT ESTIMATES - BY COUNTIES [1/]

June 1981 (Preliminary)

	Civilian Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Unemployment [1/] Rate
Frontier	1,922	1,903	19	1.0
Furnas	2,889	2,854	35	1.2
Gage	11,658	11,337	321	2.8
Garden	1,133	1,104	29	2.6
Garfield	1,529	1,503	26	1.7
Gosper	1,048	1,032	16	1.5
Grant	399	391	8	2.0
Greeley	1,636	1,593	43	2.6
Hall	23,891	22,927	964	4.0
Hamilton	5,792	5,638	154	2.7
Harlan	2,092	2,074	18	0.9
Hayes	571	562	9	1.6
Hitchcock	1,883	1,849	34	1.8
Holt	5,736	5,522	214	3.7
Hooker	459	454	5	1.1
Howard	2,867	2,757	110	3.8
Jefferson	5,260	5,133	127	2.4
Johnson	2,657	2,542	115	4.3
Kearney	3,815	3,728	87	2.3
Keith	4,811	3,642	169	3.5
Keya Paha	499	492	7	1.4
Kimball	2,881	2,779	102	3.5
Knox	5,408	5,227	181	3.3
Lancaster	115,940	111,379	4,561	3.9
Lincoln	18,509	17,742	767	4.1
Logan	604	601	3	0.5
Loup	299	292	7	2.3
McPherson	209	203	6	2.9
Madison	16,919	16,325	594	3.5
Merrick	3,442	3,328	114	3.3
Morrill	2,589	2,502	87	3.4

LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT ESTIMATES - BY COUNTIES [1]

June 1981 (Preliminary)

	Civilian Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Unemployment [1] Rate
Nance	1,938	1,859	79	4.1
Nemaha	3,408	3,207	201	5.9
Nuckolls	3,360	3,271	89	2.6
Otoe	8,539	8,161	378	4.4
Pawnee	2,123	2,047	76	3.6
Perkins	1,690	1,678	12	0.7
Phelps	5,270	5,212	58	1.1
Pierce	4,219	4,087	132	3.1
Platte	15,443	14,833	610	4.0
Polk	3,233	3,158	75	2.3
Red Willow	5,930	5,756	174	2.9
Richardson	5,162	4,920	242	4.7
Rock	1,365	1,345	20	1.5
Saline	6,858	6,741	117	1.7
Sarpy	41,785	40,426	1,359	3.3
Saunders	7,801	7,437	364	4.7
Scotts Bluff	22,526	21,555	971	4.3
Seward	7,110	6,929	181	2.5
Sheridan	3,550	3,469	81	2.3
Sherman	2,303	2,239	64	2.8
Sioux	806	793	13	1.6
Stanton	3,618	3,508	110	3.0
Thayer	3,601	3,548	53	1.5
Thomas	444	431	13	2.9
Thurston	3,621	3,298	323	8.9
Valley	2,740	2,664	76	2.8
Washington	5,870	5,602	268	4.6
Wayne	4,881	4,775	106	2.2
Webster	2,149	2,115	34	1.6
Wheeler	439	434	5	1.1
York	8,628	8,423	205	2.4

1/ Source of data: Current Employment Statistics Program.
2/ Ratios of unemployment to the total civilian labor force.

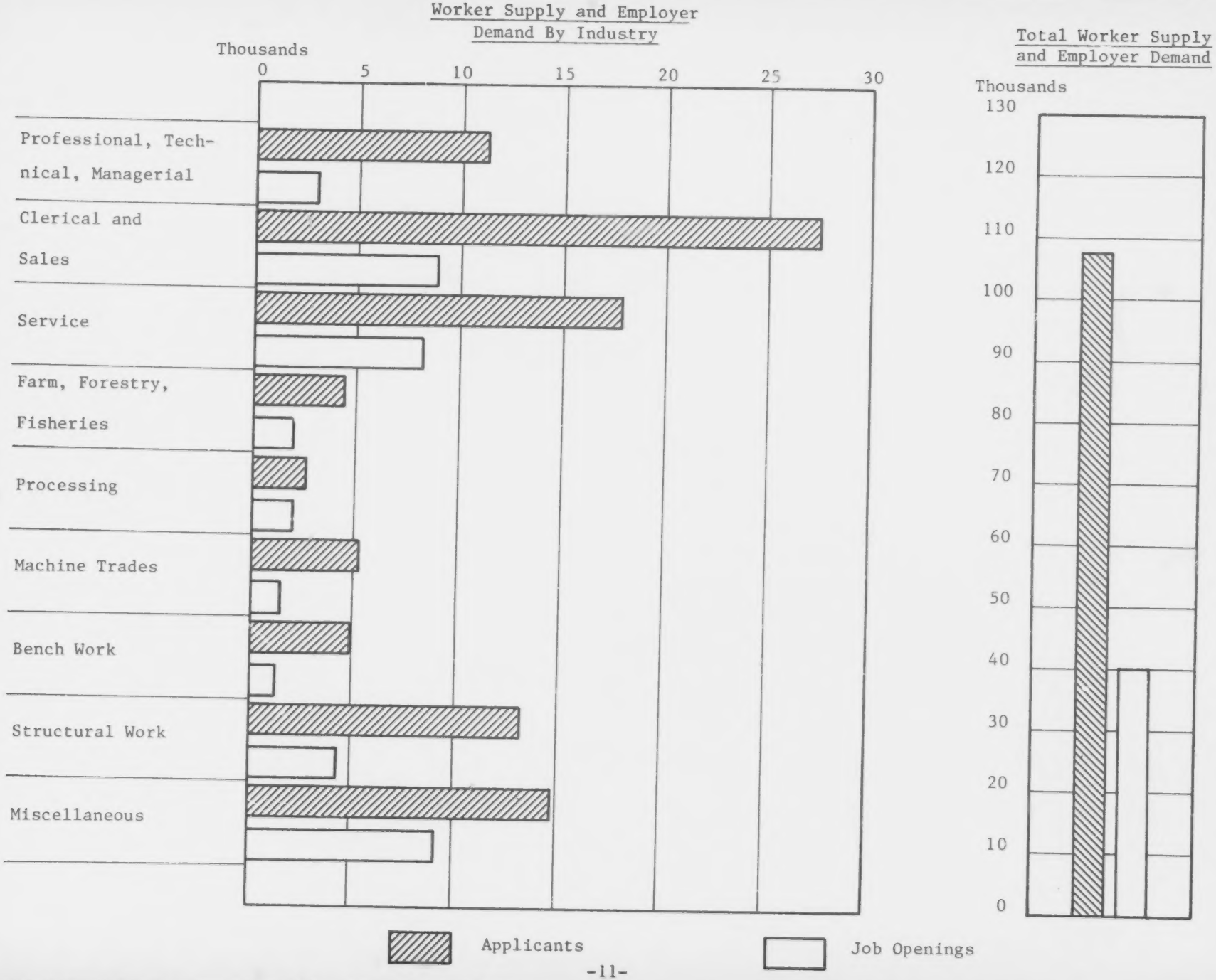
WORKER SUPPLY AND EMPLOYER DEMAND - APPLICANTS AND NONAGRICULTURAL OPENINGS

IN NEBRASKA JOB SERVICE OFFICES [1]

June 1981

	Applicants Available FY to Date [2]	Active File	Nonag Job Openings Received FY to Date [2]	Unfilled Total	Unfilled 30 Days or More	Appts/ Openings FY to Date	Active File/ Unfill.Open. End-of-Mo.	Unf. Open. 30 Days + % of Total
TOTAL [3]	107,676	33,015	40,005	4,507	3,552	2.69	7.33	78.8
0-1 Professional, Technical, and Managerial	11,293	3,392	3,075	1,628	1,395	3.67	2.08	85.7
2 Clerical and Sales	27,556	7,908	8,854	1,886	1,558	3.11	4.19	82.6
Entry Codes [4]	5,259	1,501	---	---	---	--	--	--
20-24 Clerical	17,010	4,928	6,820	1,658	1,400	2.49	2.97	84.4
25-29 Sales	5,287	1,479	2,034	228	158	2.60	6.49	69.3
3 Service	17,841	6,005	8,250	320	167	2.16	18.77	52.2
Entry Codes [4]	2,808	925	---	---	---	--	--	--
30 Domestic	1,062	391	1,504	33	15	0.71	11.85	45.5
31-39 Other	13,971	4,689	6,746	187	152	2.07	25.07	81.3
4 Farm, Forestry, Fisheries	4,492	879	1,933	13	8	2.32	67.62	61.5
5 Processing	2,609	734	1,762	16	6	1.48	45.88	37.5
6 Machine Trades	5,255	1,629	1,401	84	45	3.75	19.39	53.6
7 Bench Work	4,919	1,374	1,241	79	47	3.96	17.39	59.5
8 Structural Work	13,212	4,112	4,362	140	59	3.03	29.37	42.1
9 Miscellaneous	14,789	4,777	9,116	110	36	1.62	43.43	32.7
Entry Codes [4]	2,579	828	---	---	---	--	---	--
90-91 Motor Freight, Transportation	5,382	1,714	3,288	51	17	1.64	33.61	33.3
92-97 Packaging, Materials Handling	6,331	2,098	5,510	41	11	1.15	51.17	26.8
93 Other [5]	497	137	318	18	8	1.56	7.61	44.4

1/ Source of Data: ESARS (Employment Security Automated Reporting System)
2/ Period Covered: 10-1-80 through 6-30-81. FY 1981 defined as 10-1-80 through 9-30-81.
3/ Total includes occupational codes not assigned.
4/ Applicants for whom a complete occupational code cannot be assigned because of lack of training/experience.
5/ Includes mining, logging, utilities, miscellaneous amusement and recreation, graphic art work.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Machine Trades
Bench Work
Structural Work
Miscellaneous
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JOB OPENINGS IN NEBRASKA JOB SERVICE OFFICES [1/]

BY OCCUPATION

June 1981

OCCUPATIONAL CATEGORY	OPENINGS AVAILABLE				OPENINGS UNFILLED AT MONTH END			
	NUMBER		AVERAGE PAY		TOTAL		UNFILLED 30 DAYS OR MORE	
	Current	Last Month	Current	Last Month	Current	Last Month	Current	Last Month
TOTAL, ALL OCCUPATIONS	2,834	3,164	$9,948/yr	$9,780/yr	1,325	1,480	648	763
Professional, Technical, and Managerial	632	692	12,646/yr	12,735/yr	497	502	300	352
Clerical and Sales	804	910	8,461/yr	8,331/yr	403	451	170	172
Service	393	446	3.74/hr	3.72/hr	120	161	53	64
Farming, Fishery, Forestry, and Related	51	84	3.91/hr	4.17/hr	10	23	3	12
Processing	138	121	5.08/hr	4.95/hr	14	14	4	1
Machine Trades	159	176	5.23/hr	5.26/hr	67	84	31	57
Bench Work	110	122	3.96/hr	3.93/hr	55	65	31	29
Structural Work	267	300	4.92/hr	4.89/hr	91	100	32	52
Miscellaneous	280	313	5.25/hr	4.67/hr	68	80	24	24

1/ Source of data: Job Bank data from Nebraska Job Service Offices.

ESTIMATES OF HOURS AND EARNINGS IN NEBRASKA MANUFACTURING

June 1981

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	June 1981 2/	May 1981 3/	June 1980 3/	June 1981 2/	May 1981 3/	June 1980 3/	June 1981 2/	May 1981 3/	June 1980 3/
MANUFACTURING - TOTAL	$322.32	$319.58	$296.94	40.8	40.3	40.4	$7.90	$7.93	$7.35
Durable Goods	321.85	317.09	288.72	41.0	40.6	40.1	7.85	7.81	7.20
Lumber, Stone, Clay, Glass Products	291.33	288.27	263.12	42.1	41.9	41.7	6.92	6.88	6.31
Primary and Fabricated Metals	338.62	325.19	294.14	41.6	40.7	38.2	8.14	7.99	7.70
Machinery and Transportation Equipment	344.43	339.47	310.59	41.2	40.9	40.6	8.36	8.30	7.65
Nondurable Goods	322.38	322.80	345.23	40.5	40.0	43.1	7.96	8.07	8.01
Food and Kindred Products	369.79	367.42	345.23	42.8	41.8	43.1	8.64	8.79	8.01
Meat Products	388.96	400.56	366.80	41.6	41.9	42.9	9.35	9.56	8.55
Dairy Products	252.72	234.36	214.89	40.5	37.8	37.7	6.24	6.20	5.70
Grain Mill Products	435.12	422.20	444.57	48.4	45.3	51.1	8.99	9.32	8.70
Bakery Products	292.92	298.40	243.55	36.9	37.3	34.4	7.94	8.00	7.08
Other Food and Kindred Products	278.08	262.35	235.52	43.3	40.3	38.8	6.63	6.51	6.07
Printing and Publishing	233.58	237.70	251.56	34.0	34.3	36.3	6.87	6.93	6.93
Chemicals and Allied Products	319.07	308.43	301.89	42.6	41.4	44.2	7.49	7.45	6.83

1/ Source of Data: Current Employment Statistics Program
2/ Preliminary
3/ Revised

Average weekly earnings in Nebraska manufacturing increased by $2.74 from May 1981 to June 1981. This included a rise of $4.76 in durable goods and a very small dip of $.42 in nondurable goods. Year-to-year, average weekly earnings gained by $25.38, including an increase of $33.13 in durable goods along with a decrease of $22.85 in nondurable goods. Average weekly hours increased by 0.5 hours month-to-month, and also increased by 0.4 hours year-to-year. Average hourly earnings dipped slightly from May 1981 to June 1981: -$.03, but showed a gain of $.55 from June 1980 to June 1981.

ESTIMATES OF ACCESSION AND SEPARATION RATES IN NEBRASKA MANUFACTURING [1]

(Per 1,000 Workers)

May 1981

INDUSTRY	ACCESSION RATES						SEPARATION RATES								
	Total			New Hires			Total			Quits			Layoffs		
	May [2] 1981	Apr [3] 1981	May [3] 1980	May [2] 1981	Apr [3] 1981	May [3] 1980	May [2] 1981	Apr [3] 1981	May [3] 1980	May [2] 1981	Apr [3] 1981	May [3] 1980	May [2] 1981	Apr [3] 1981	May [3] 1980
MANUFACTURING - TOTAL	40	35	35	29	27	24	30	32	45	16	20	17	8	4	20
Durable Goods	34	30	26	26	22	18	27	27	48	14	17	15	6	3	26
Lumber, Stone, Clay, Glass Prod.	36	62	77	31	41	45	37	29	78	24	21	23	3	4/	43
Furniture and Fixtures	13	10	16	13	9	16	19	26	28	17	23	20	4/	4/	1
Primary and Fabr. Metals	36	39	25	26	26	17	37	31	42	12	15	10	18	8	25
Machinery and Trans. Equip.	37	26	18	27	20	13	21	25	48	12	17	13	3	2	28
Other Durable Goods	18	19	29	15	16	26	35	31	43	20	18	27	6	2	6
Nondurable Goods	46	40	45	33	31	31	32	37	41	18	23	19	10	5	14
Food and Kindred Products	56	33	56	36	29	35	34	36	30	19	22	19	10	6	4
Meat Products	49	37	49	33	34	31	26	41	30	19	27	19	3	7	4
Dairy Products	30	14	44	22	14	34	22	18	24	22	7	16	4/	4/	8
Grain Mill Products	83	20	83	40	15	42	20	32	20	11	12	11	4	6	5
Bakery Products	78	26	81	50	21	51	37	34	44	31	24	26	4/	4/	4/
Other Food and Kindred Prod.	52	44	45	42	39	35	78	34	37	22	23	23	47	5	1
Textiles and Apparel	62	80	41	58	71	40	52	90	59	37	60	26	8	23	27
Paper and Allied Products	24	42	17	19	21	15	39	18	33	17	16	10	18	4/	17
Printing and Publishing	41	37	38	40	36	36	19	28	44	14	19	31	4/	2	4
Chemicals and Allied Products	14	19	22	12	11	18	56	21	14	7	6	7	48	5	3
Petroleum, Rubber, Plastic Products and Leather	23	69	17	15	30	11	23	40	112	12	23	9	4	3	92

1/ Source of Data: Labor Turnover Program
NOTE: Accessions other than new hires, and separations other than quits and layoffs are not shown separately, but are included in the appropriate totals.

2/ Preliminary

3/ Revised

4/ Less than one-half

Accession rates in Nebraska manufacturing increased from 35 per 1,000 workers in April 1981 to 40 per 1,000 workers in May 1981. Durable goods increased from 30 per 1,000 to 34 per 1,000 during that period, and nondurable goods also showed a gain from 40 per 1,000 to 46 per 1,000. Year-to-year, accessions also increased from 35 per 1,000 to 40 per 1,000. This included a gain in durable goods from 26 per 1,000 to 34 per 1,000, and a slight increase in nondurable goods from 45 per 1,000 to 46 per 1,000. Separations dropped month-to-month from 32 per 1,000 to 30 per 1,000, and also declined year-to-year from 45 per 1,000 to 30 per 1,000. Layoff rates increased from 4 per 1,000 in April 1981 to 8 per 1,000 in May 1981, but dropped from the 20 per 1,000 rate of May 1980.

SELECTED UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACTIVITIES

June 1981

	June 1981	May 1981	June 1980
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (STATE UI)			
CLAIMS RECEIVED - AREA CLAIMS CENTERS			
Initial Claims	6,475	5,157	7,591
Weeks Claimed	44,738	37,336	48,265
BENEFIT ACTIVITIES			
Payments from UI Funds	$ 3,369,012	$ 2,895,019	$ 3,731,340
Calendar Year to Date	$26,376,282	$23,007,270	$24,820,860
Average Size of Weekly Payments	$90.66	$92.71	$90.29
First Payments	3,056	2,108	4,347
Exhaustions	1,190	1,064	1,065
Individuals Who Drew Benefits	11,212	11,816	14,460
Rate of Insured Unemployment	1.6	1.6	2.0
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYEES (UCFE)			
Payments from UCFE Funds	$ 76,030	$ 61,087	$ 66,460
Average Size of Weekly Payments	$74.69	$73.96	$76.04
First Payments	63	62	60
Exhaustions	30	12	15
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FOR EX-SERVICEMEN (UCX)			
Payments from UCX Funds	$ 31,566	$ 28,038	$ 39,128
Average Size of Weekly Payments	$90.19	$90.45	$86.00
First Payments	23	12	29
Exhaustions	7	3	3
COVERAGE AND CONTRIBUTIONS			
Subject Employers - End of Month	36,802	37,687	36,669
Contributions Received	$ 311,760	$12,209,615	$ 103,284
FINANCIAL DATA			
End of Month Fund Balance	$84,784,041	$85,863,538	$80,585,303

UI initial claims in Area Claims Centers increased from 5,157 in May 1981 to 6,475 in June 1981. Weeks claimed increased from 37,336 in May 1981 to 44,738 in June 1981.

UI benefit payments increased from 2.9 million in May 1981 to 3.4 million in June 1981.

The number of insured unemployed increased from 9,246 in May 1981 to 9,284 in June 1981.

The rate of insured unemployment remained at 1.6% in May 1981 and in June 1981.

The year-to-date contributions stood at 28.5 million compared to 21.5 million one year ago.

The fund balance stood at 84.8 million compared to 80.6 million one year ago.

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CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED 1/

June 1981

	Amount	Percent of Total
SEX:		
MALE	5,226	59.7
FEMALE	3,525	40.3
RACE/ETHNIC:		
WHITE	7,702	88.0
ALL OTHER RACES	1,049	12.0
AGE:		
UNDER 22	1,110	12.6
22 - 44	5,436	62.2
45 & OVER	2,205	25.2
WEEKS UNEMPLOYED:		
4 OR LESS	4,087	46.7
5 - 14	3,149	36.0
15 & OVER	1,515	17.3

	Amount	Percent of Total
OCCUPATION:		
Professional, Technical and Managerial	2,121	24.2
Clerical & Sales	1,459	16.7
Service	818	9.4
Farm & Related	59	0.7
Processing	320	3.7
Machine Trades	415	4.7
Bench Work	353	4.0
Structural Work	2,083	23.8
Miscellaneous	1,123	12.8
INDUSTRY:		
Construction & Mining	1,709	19.5
Manufacturing	1,971	22.5
Durable Goods	922	10.5
Nondurable Goods	1,049	12.0
Transportation, Communication & Utilities	479	5.5
Trade (Wholesale & Retail)	1,879	21.5
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	254	2.9
Services	1,502	17.2
Government	269	3.1
Other	688	7.8

1/ Source of Data: Percentages computed from a count of all insured unemployed claimants filing at the Nebraska UI AREA CLAIMS CENTERS for a one-week period including the 19th of the month. The insured claimant count for June 1981 was 8,751.

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CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED

June 1981

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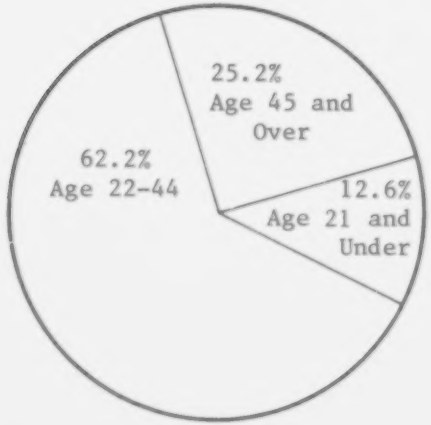

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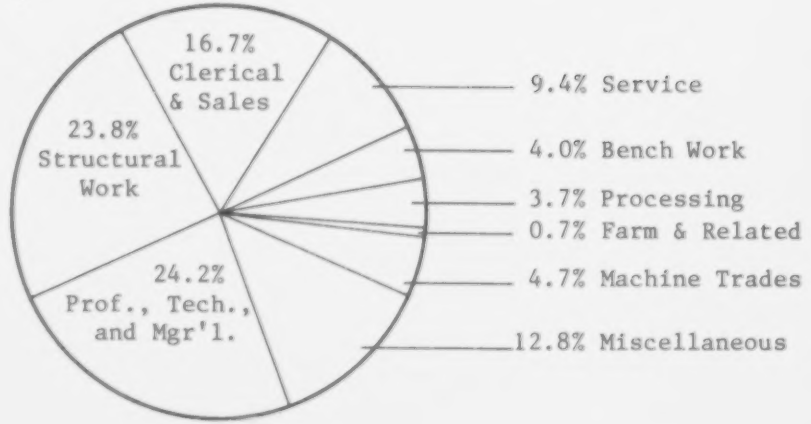

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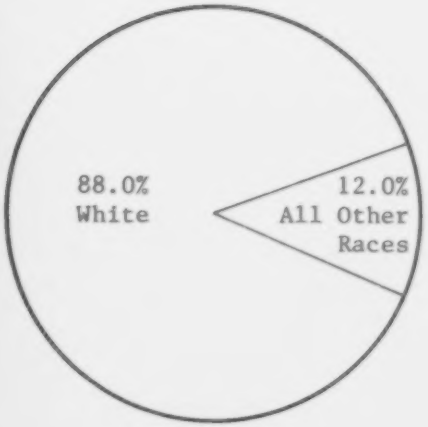

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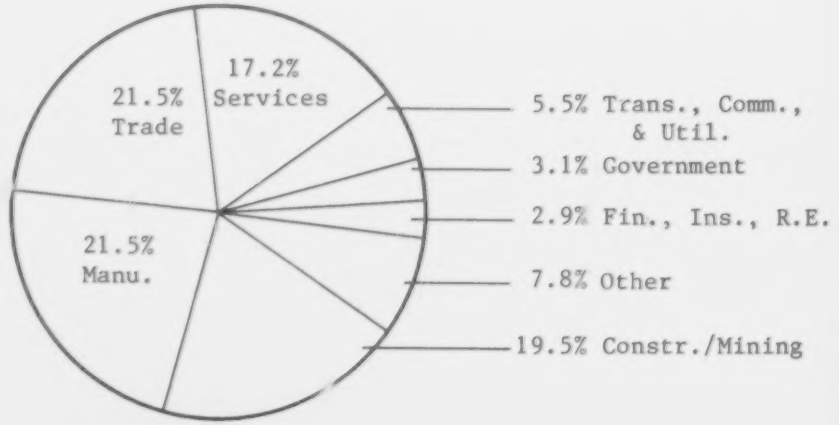
WEEKS UNEMPLOYED



INDUSTRY

STATE SUMMARY OF INITIAL CLAIMS
BY MONTH

Unemployment Insurance Only
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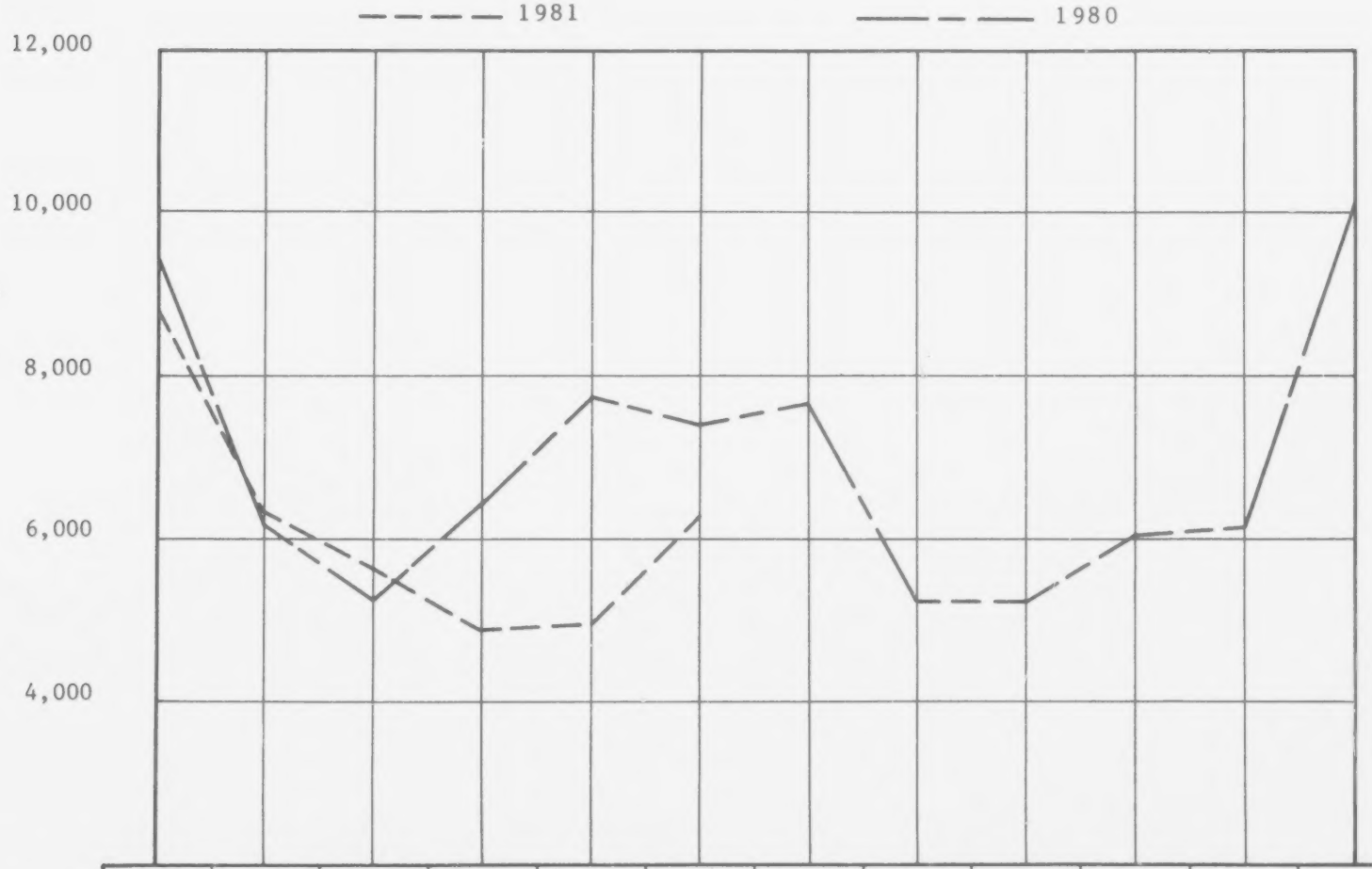

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
1980	9,343	6,188	5,266	6,486	7,734	7,397	7,642	5,221	5,224	6,028	6,143	10,092
1981	8,744	6,339	5,622	4,886	4,951	6,294						

STATE SUMMARY OF CONTINUED CLAIMS
BY MONTH

Unemployment Insurance Only
(excludes Compensation for Federal employees and ex-servicemen)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
1980	58,975	53,891	55,127	48,414	39,600	48,265	55,391	45,529	44,770	37,288	36,860	59,010
1981	63,974	65,687	69,871	45,545	37,336	44,738						

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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

Facts About the Consumer Price Index

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a statistical measure of change, over time, in the prices of goods and services in major expenditure groups - such as food and beverages, housing, apparel, transportation, medical care, and entertainment - typically purchased by urban consumers. It measures the change in prices by comparing what a sample "market basket" of goods and services cost today with what the same sample market basket cost at an earlier date.

The CPI for All Urban Consumers covers about 80 percent of the total noninstitutional population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage - salaried workers, the self-employed, retirees, and the unemployed.

The CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers covers about 40 percent of the total noninstitutional population.

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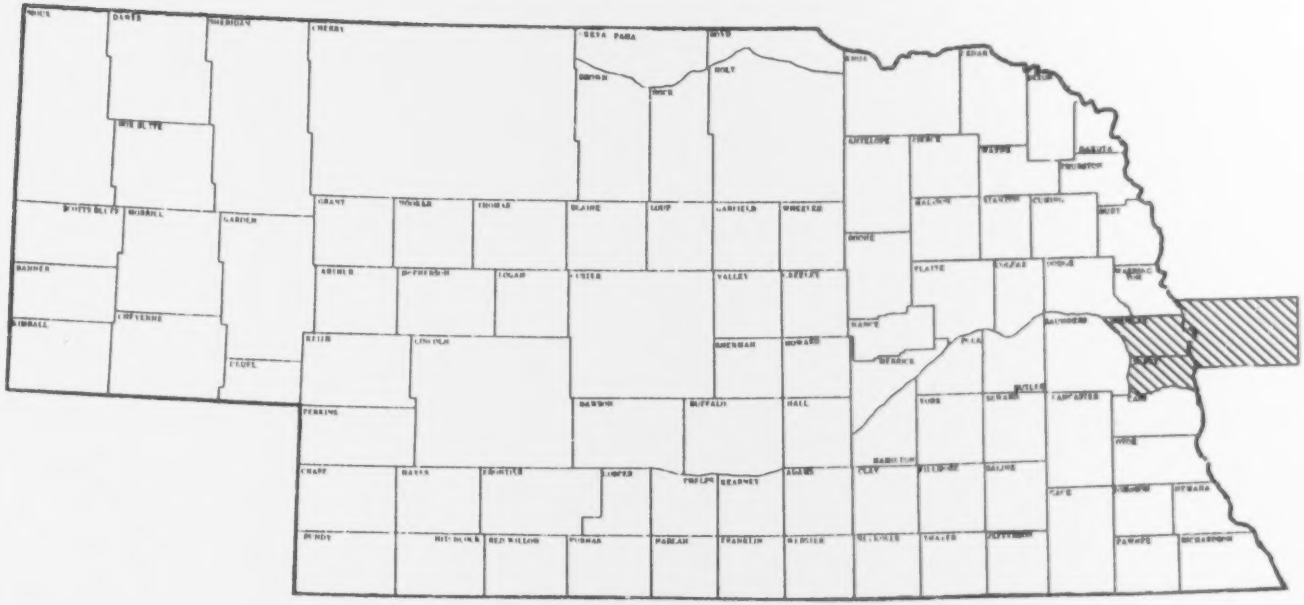
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX JUNE 1981

	ALL URBAN CONSUMERS (CPI-U)			WAGE EARNERS AND CLERICAL WORKERS (CPI-W)		
		Percent Change From			Percent Change From	
	INDEX 1967=100	1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago	INDEX 1967=100	1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago
ALL ITEMS	271.3	0.9	9.6	271.4	0.9	9.5
FOOD AND BEVERAGES	266.5	0.4	8.5	267.0	0.4	8.4
Food	273.6	0.4	8.6	274.0	0.4	8.4
Food at home	268.7	0.4	8.3	268.2	0.4	8.3
Cereals & bakery products	271.5	0.6	10.4	270.7	0.5	10.2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	248.7	0.7	7.6	248.4	0.9	7.8
Dairy products	243.8	0	7.3	243.9	0	7.1
Fruits and vegetables	278.1	0.5	11.2	275.3	0.4	10.0
Other foods at home	323.6	0	7.2	324.5	-0.1	7.7
Food away from home	290.6	0.4	9.0	293.5	0.5	8.7
Alcoholic beverages	199.8	0.4	7.2	202.1	0.4	7.5
HOUSING	292.2	1.3	9.6	291.9	1.3	9.4
Shelter	312.6	1.4	9.2	313.7	1.4	8.9
Rent (residential)	206.8	0.4	8.2	206.4	0.4	8.2
Other rental costs	289.5	1.1	9.6	289.7	1.3	9.8
Homeownership	350.4	1.6	9.4	352.7	1.6	9.1
Fuel and other utilities	320.2	1.7	13.5	321.2	1.7	13.5
Fuels	411.7	2.1	15.7	411.2	2.2	15.6
Fuel oil, coal, & bottled gas	682.0	-0.6	22.1	685.1	-0.5	22.4
Gas (piped) & electricity	350.2	3.1	13.4	349.0	3.2	13.1
Household furnishings & operation	221.1	0.5	7.6	217.8	0.5	7.3
APPAREL AND UPKEEP	185.8	-0.3	4.9	185.8	-0.2	5.6
Men's & boys' apparel	176.6	-0.1	5.9	177.2	-0.1	5.4
Women's & girls' apparel	155.4	-1.1	1.6	158.1	-1.2	4.6
Footwear	200.4	-0.3	6.0	200.6	0.3	6.2
TRANSPORTATION	279.9	0.8	12.1	281.0	0.8	12.1
Private transportation	277.9	0.7	11.3	279.7	0.7	11.5
Public transportation	303.3	2.1	25.5	293.6	1.9	25.0
MEDICAL CARE	291.5	0.9	10.1	292.9	0.7	10.2
Medical care services	314.4	0.9	10.0	315.8	0.7	9.9
ENTERTAINMENT	220.8	0.2	7.5	218.3	0.3	7.0
OTHER GOODS AND SERVICES	233.4	0.5	9.8	231.4	0.4	9.1
ALL ITEMS (1957-59=100)	315.5			315.6		

OMAHA STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA



The Omaha Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area consists of Douglas and Sarpy Counties in Nebraska, and Pottawattamie County in Iowa.

O M A H A S M S A [1]

ESTIMATES OF LABOR FORCE DATA [2]

(Job Seekers and Job Holders - by Residence)

	Preliminary	Revised		Change From:	
		May 1981	Jun 1980	May 1981	June 1980
Civilian Labor Force	290,600	285,500	291,150	5,100	- 550
Employment	276,800	273,200	275,050	3,600	1,750
Nonagricultural	272,600	269,350	270,900	3,250	1,700
Agricultural	4,200	3,850	4,150	350	50
Unemployment	13,800	12,300	16,100	1,500	-2,300
Unemployment Rate [3]	4.7	4.3	5.5	xxx	xxx

1/ Omaha SMSA defined as Douglas and Sarpy Counties in Nebraska and Pottawattamie County in Iowa. The Nebraska portion of the SMSA labor force, estimated at 248,250, is included in the Nebraska total, but the Iowa portion, estimated at 42,350, is excluded from the Nebraska total.

2/ The above estimates are based on the March 1980 benchmark, and all months are comparable. Totals are rounded to the nearest 50 and subtotals may not add to totals due to rounding.

3/ Ratios of unemployment to civilian labor force, based upon unrounded data.

H I G H L I G H T S

The Omaha SMSA civilian labor force increased by 5,100 from May 1981 to June 1981, but decreased by 550 from June 1980 to June 1981. Total employment rose by 3,600 month-to-month, and also gained by 1,750 year-to-year. Nonagricultural employment accounted for virtually all of the month-to-month increase (3,250) and the year-to-year increase (1,700).

Unemployment in the Omaha SMSA increased by 1,500 from May 1981 to June 1981, but dropped by 2,300 from June 1980 to June 1981. The unemployment rate moved upward from 4.3 percent in May 1981 to 4.7 percent in June 1981, and compared to 5.5 percent in June 1980.

ESTIMATES OF OMAHA SMSA [1] NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT DATA [2]

Job Count - Workers by Industry

INDUSTRY	June 1981 [3]	May 1981 [4]	June 1980 [4]	Change From: May 1981	Change From: June 1980	Percent Change From: June 1980
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY	269,146	265,983	265,542	3,163	3,604	1.4
MANUFACTURING	35,608	35,231	35,359	377	249	0.7
Durable goods	18,424	18,245	17,957	179	467	2.6
Construction material	1,122	1,121	1,078	1	44	4.1
Lumber & wood products, except furniture	351	347	305	4	46	15.1
Stone, clay, glass & concrete products	771	774	773	- 3	- 2	- 0.3
Furniture & fixtures	1,426	1,417	1,553	9	- 127	- 8.2
Metals	3,168	3,059	3,034	109	134	4.4
Primary metal industries	1,012	989	1,071	23	- 59	- 5.5
Fabricated metal products, except machinery & trans. equipment	2,156	2,070	1,963	86	193	9.8
Machinery except electrical	5,592	5,557	4,925	35	667	13.5
Farm machinery & equipment	1,735	1,808	1,489	- 73	246	16.5
Electrical & electronic machinery, equipment & supplies	4,493	4,527	4,928	- 35	- 435	- 8.8
Transportation equipment	1,050	1,036	959	14	91	9.5
Motor vehicles & motor vehicle equipment	799	791	743	8	56	7.5
Other durable goods (including instruments; toys & sporting goods; costume jewelry & notions; etc.)	1,573	1,528	1,480	45	93	6.3
Nondurable goods	17,184	16,986	17,402	198	- 218	- 1.3
Food & kindred products	9,221	8,986	9,570	235	- 349	- 3.6
Meat products	3,593	3,443	3,598	150	- 5	- 0.1
Dairy products	553	541	571	12	- 18	- 3.2
Grain mill	1,917	1,815	1,872	102	45	2.4
Other food products (including canned & preserved products; bakery products; sugar & confectionery products; beverages; etc.)	3,158	3,187	2,584	- 29	574	22.2
Textile products & apparel	639	684	659	- 45	- 20	- 3.0
Printing, publishing & allied industries	3,551	3,547	3,457	4	94	2.7
Chemicals & allied products	1,333	1,348	1,312	- 15	21	1.6
Other nondurable goods (including rubber & miscellaneous plastics; paper & allied products; etc.)	2,440	2,421	2,404	19	36	1.5
NONMANUFACTURING	233,538	230,752	230,183	2,786	3,355	1.5
MINING	214	216	207	- 2	7	3.4
CONSTRUCTION	10,062	9,887	9,944	175	118	1.2
Building construction - general contractors & operative builders	2,340	2,302	2,067	38	273	13.2
Construction other than building construction - gen. contractors	2,023	1,965	2,173	58	- 150	- 6.9
Construction - special trade contractors	5,699	5,620	5,704	79	- 5	- 0.1
TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATION AND UTILITIES	24,346	24,086	24,374	260	- 28	- 0.1
Railroad transportation	6,856	6,781	6,774	75	82	1.2
Other transportation (including buses & taxicabs; motor freight transportation & warehousing; etc.)	8,411	8,315	8,440	96	- 29	- 0.3
Communication & electric, gas & sanitary services	9,079	8,990	9,160	89	- 81	- 0.9

TRADE	68,105	67,816	68,403	289	- 298	- 0.4
Wholesale	21,234	21,111	21,249	123	- 15	- 0.1
Durable goods	13,168	13,069	13,217	99	- 49	- 0.4
Nondurable goods	8,066	8,042	8,032	24	34	0.4
Retail	46,871	46,705	47,154	166	- 283	- 0.6
Building materials, hardware, garden supply, & mobile home dealers	1,555	1,568	1,527	- 13	28	1.8
General merchandise stores	7,707	7,844	8,022	- 137	- 315	- 3.9
Food stores	6,876	6,876	6,640	0	236	3.6
Automotive dealers & gasoline service stations	4,654	4,642	4,813	12	- 159	- 3.3
Apparel & accessory stores	2,392	2,457	2,425	- 65	- 33	- 1.4
Furniture, home furnishings, & equipment stores	1,715	1,683	1,625	32	90	5.5
Eating & drinking places	16,947	16,631	16,938	316	9	0.1
Miscellaneous retail	5,025	5,004	5,164	21	- 139	- 2.7
Drug stores & proprietary stores	1,357	1,354	1,489	3	- 132	- 8.9
Other miscellaneous retail (including liquor stores; sporting goods stores; jewelry; florists; etc.)	3,668	3,650	3,675	18	- 7	- 0.2
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	25,945	25,517	25,307	428	638	2.5
Banking	4,076	4,046	3,960	30	116	2.9
Insurance	15,199	15,021	14,797	178	402	2.7
Real estate	3,051	2,994	3,152	57	- 101	- 3.2
Other finance, insurance, & real estate (including credit agencies other than banks; security & commodity exchange & services; etc.)	3,619	3,456	3,398	163	221	6.5
SERVICES EXCEPT DOMESTIC	61,684	61,118	69,238	566	2,446	4.1
Hotels, rooming houses, camps & other lodging places	2,784	2,689	2,770	95	14	0.5
Personal services	2,840	2,847	2,982	- 7	- 142	- 4.8
Business services	12,425	12,309	11,434	116	991	8.7
Automotive repair, services, & garages	2,117	2,092	2,113	25	4	0.2
Amusement & recreation	3,377	3,103	3,361	274	16	0.5
Health services	20,629	20,230	19,363	399	1,266	6.5
Educational services	4,356	4,786	4,059	- 430	297	7.3
Social services	3,132	3,347	3,478	- 215	- 346	- 9.9
Membership services	3,208	3,208	2,068	0	140	4.6
Other services (including legal & other professional services; miscellaneous repair services; agricultural services; etc.)	6,816	6,507	6,610	309	206	3.1
GOVERNMENT	43,182	42,122	42,710	1,070	472	1.1
Federal	8,210	8,205	8,408	5	- 198	- 2.4
State	8,487	8,262	8,317	225	170	2.0
Local	26,485	25,645	25,985	840	500	1.9

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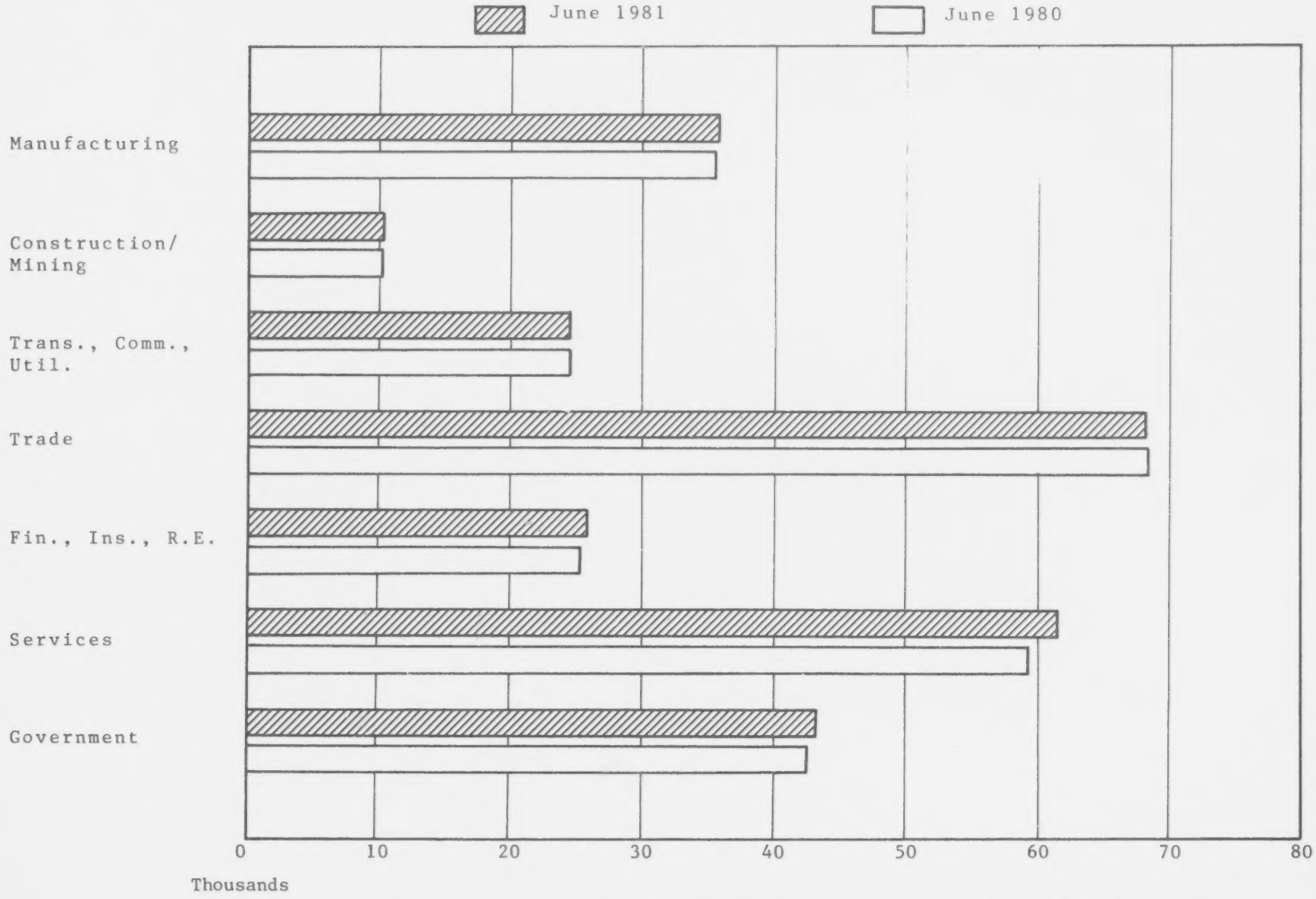

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OMAHA SMSA 1/ - WORK FORCE ANALYSIS

June 1981 in review . . . . .

The Omaha SMSA nonagricultural work force increased by 3,163 from May 1981 to June 1981. This included a gain of 377 for manufacturing and a rise of 2,786 in nonmanufacturing.

The increase of 377 in manufacturing included a gain of 179 in durable goods and an increase of 198 in nondurable goods. The largest gain in durable goods was metals (109). The chief gainer in nondurable goods was food and kindred products (235).

All major industrial categories showed a month-to-month increase, including government (1,070), services (566), finance-insurance-real estate (428), trade (289), transportation-communication-utilities (260), and construction/mining (173). The major increase in government was in local government (840). The largest gain in service was in health services (399). The increase of 289 in trade included a gain of 123 in wholesale trade and an increase of 166 in retail trade.

Annual changes . . . . .

The Omaha SMSA nonagricultural work force increased by 3,604 from June 1980 to June 1981. This included a small increase of 249 in manufacturing and a rise of 3,355 in nonmanufacturing.

Year-to-year increases occurred in services (2,446), finance-insurance-real estate (638), government (472), and construction/mining (125). Over nine-tenths of the increase in service occurred in two categories: health services (1,266) and business services (991). The major increase in government was in local government (500).

From June 1980 to June 1981, losses occurred in trade (-298), and transportation-communication-utilities (-28). The decrease in trade included a drop of 283 in retail trade and a dip of 15 in wholesale trade.

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ESTIMATES OF HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING - OMAHA SMSA

June 1981

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Jun 1981 2/	May 1981 3/	Jun 1980 3/	Jun 1981 2/	May 1981 3/	Jun 1980 3/	Jun 1981 2/	May 1981 3/	Jun 1980 3/
MANUFACTURING - TOTAL	$313.68	$325.91	$306.99	38.3	39.6	40.5	$8.19	$8.23	$7.58
Durable Goods	309.12	334.17	306.13	36.8	39.5	39.5	8.40	8.46	7.75
Primary and Fabricated Metals	351.91	367.73	386.13	37.2	37.6	42.2	9.46	9.78	9.15
Machinery and Transportation Equipment	390.35	364.08	322.00	42.2	41.0	40.0	9.25	8.88	8.05
Nondurable Goods	319.99	316.81	308.58	40.2	39.7	41.7	7.96	7.98	7.40
Food and Kindred Products	358.69	358.27	335.16	40.9	40.3	44.1	8.77	8.89	7.60
Meat Products	328.71	349.57	344.52	38.9	40.6	43.5	8.45	8.61	7.92
Grain Mill Products	514.55	510.42	527.36	44.9	44.5	51.4	11.46	11.47	10.26
Bakery Products	316.57	318.70	242.59	38.7	39.2	33.6	8.18	8.13	7.22
Other Food and Kindred Products	267.44	236.58	260.76	41.4	35.9	42.4	6.46	6.59	6.15
Printing and Publishing	263.11	269.37	256.50	35.7	36.5	36.8	7.37	7.38	6.97

1/ Source of Data: Current Employment Statistics Program
2/ Preliminary
3/ Revised

Average weekly earnings in Omaha SMSA decreased by $12.23 from May 1981 to June 1981, including a drop of $25.05 in durable goods along with a rise of $3.18 in nondurable goods. Year-to-year, average weekly earnings increased by $6.69, including a gain of $2.99 in durable goods and an increase of $11.41 in nondurable goods. Average weekly hours dropped by 1.3 hours month-to-month, and declined by 2.2 hours year-to-year. Average hourly earnings had a very slight dip from May 1981 to June 1981: -$.04, but showed a gain of $.61 from June 1980 to June 1981.

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CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED 1/

June 1981

	Amount	Percent of Total
SEX:		
MALE	2,413	64.2
FEMALE	1,346	35.8
RACE/ETHNIC:		
WHITE	2,994	79.6
ALL OTHER RACES	765	20.4
AGE:		
UNDER 22	434	11.5
22 - 44	2,465	65.6
45 & OVER	860	22.9
WEEKS UNEMPLOYED:		
4 OR LESS	1,681	44.7
5 - 14	1,420	37.8
15 & OVER	658	17.5

	Amount	Percent of Total
OCCUPATION:		
Professional, Technical and Managerial	933	24.8
Clerical & Sales	634	16.9
Service	291	7.7
Farm & Related	15	0.4
Processing	96	2.6
Machine Trades	213	5.7
Bench Work	102	2.7
Structural Work	878	23.4
Miscellaneous	597	15.9
INDUSTRY:		
Construction & Mining	728	19.4
Manufacturing	686	18.2
Durable Goods	343	9.1
Nondurable Goods	343	9.1
Transportation, Communications & Utilities	311	8.3
Trade (Wholesale & Retail)	796	21.2
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	172	4.6
Services	714	19.0
Government	84	2.2
Other	268	7.1

1/ Source of Data: Percentages computed from a count of all insured unemployed claimants filing at the Omaha UI AREA CLAIMS CENTER for a one-week period including the 19th of the month. The insured claimant count for June 1981 was 3,759. The Omaha UI AREA CLAIMS CENTER AREA defined as Douglas and Sarpy counties.

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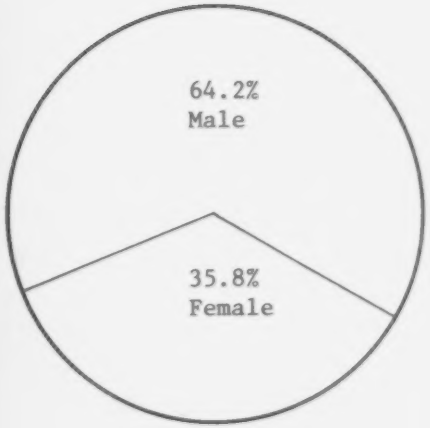
CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED

June 1981



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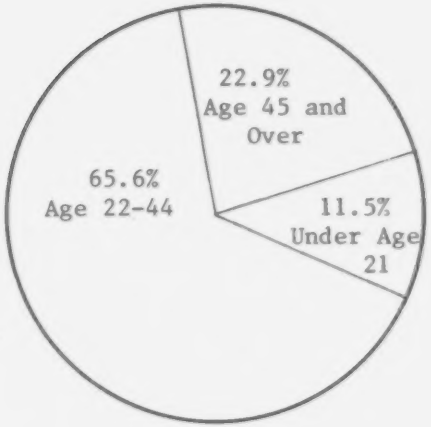

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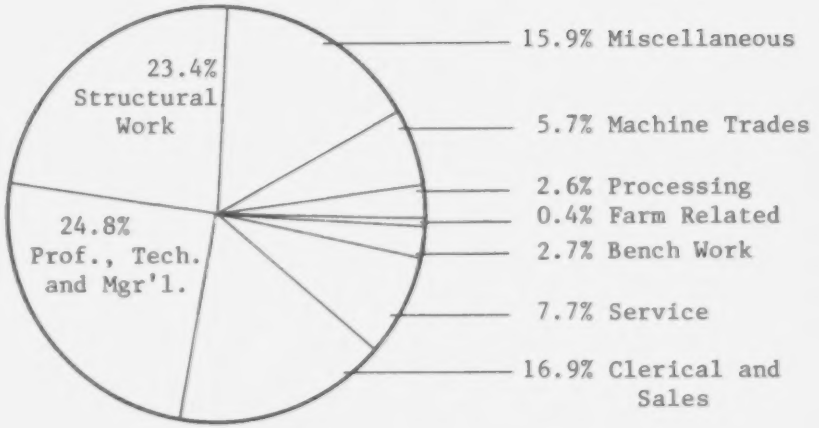

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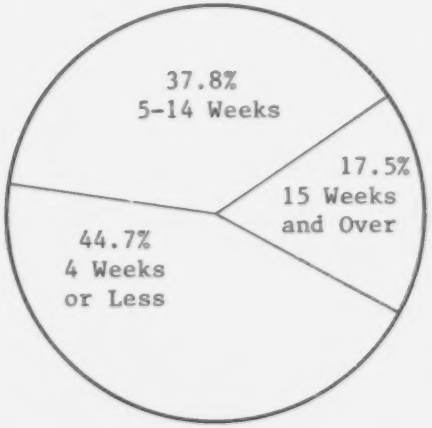

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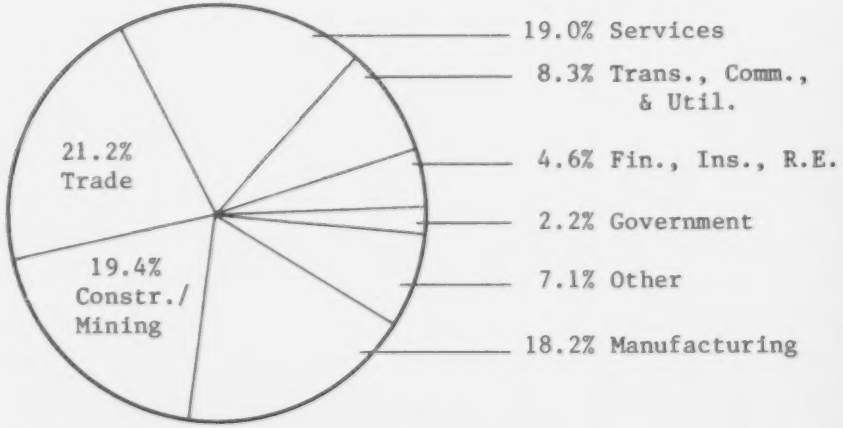

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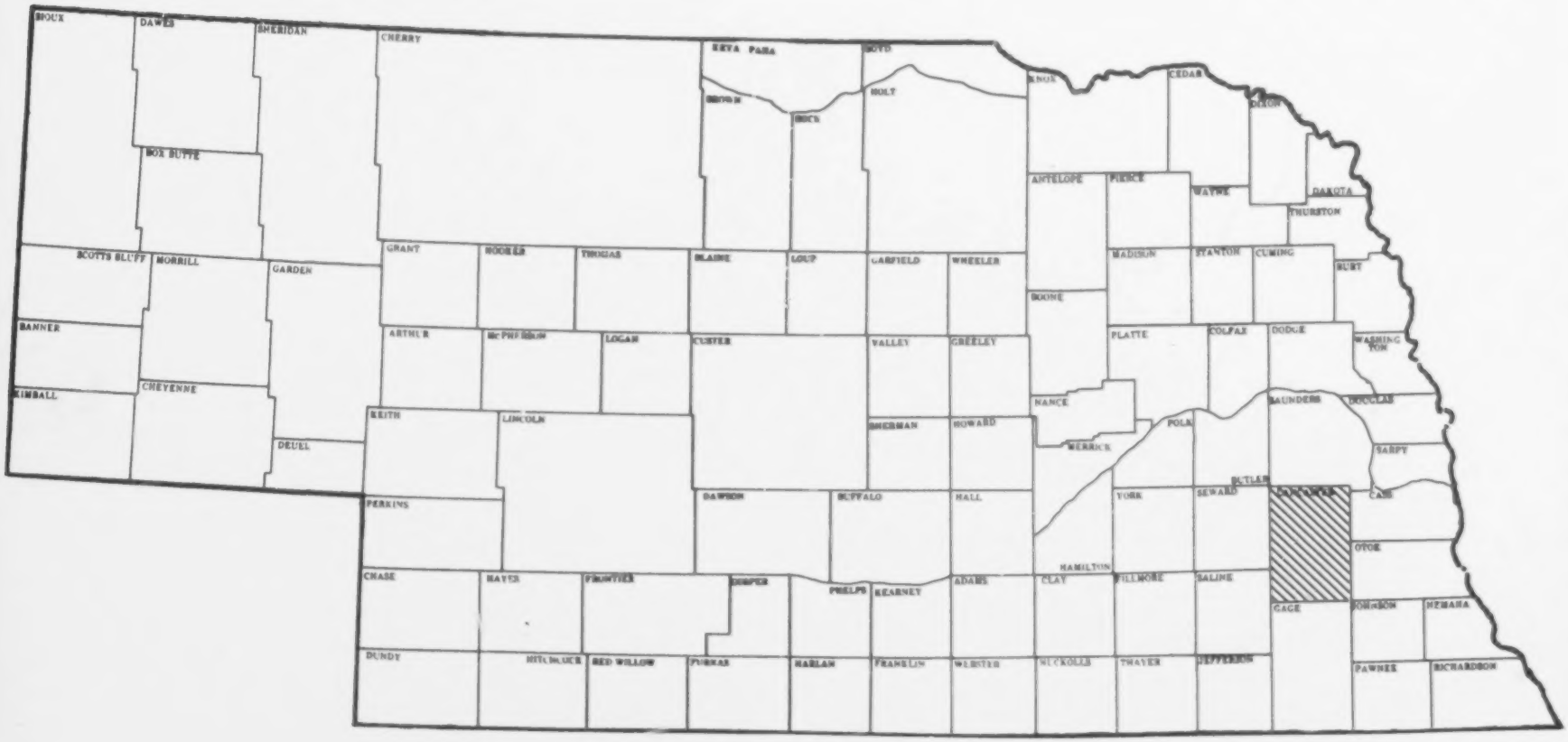

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LINCOLN SMSA 1/

ESTIMATES OF LABOR FORCE DATA 2/

(Job Seekers and Job Holders - by Residence)

	Preliminary June 1981	Revised May 1981	Revised June 1980	Change From: May 1981	Change From: June 1980
Civilian Labor Force	115,850	113,200	114,500	2,650	1,350
Employment	111,800	109,550	110,500	2,250	1,300
Nonagricultural	109,200	107,100	107,900	2,050	1,300
Agricultural	2,600	2,400	2,600	200	0
Unemployment	4,050	3,650	4,000	400	50
Unemployment Rate 3/	3.5	3.2	3.5	xxx	xxx

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2/ The above estimates are based on the March 1980 benchmark, and all months are comparable. Totals are rounded to the nearest 50 and subtotals may not add to totals due to rounding.

3/ Ratios of unemployment to civilian labor force, based upon unrounded data.

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The Lincoln SMSA civilian labor force increased by 2,650 from May 1981 to June 1981, and also increased by 1,350 from June 1980 to June 1981. Total employment rose by 2,250 month-to-month, and also by 1,300 year-to-year. Nonagricultural employment provided the predominant part of that increase, both year-to-year (2,050) and month-to-month (1,300).

Unemployment in the Lincoln SMSA increased by 400 from May 1981 to June 1981, and also had a small increase of 50 from June 1980 to June 1981. The unemployment rate increased from 3.2 percent in May 1981 to 3.5 percent in June 1981, and compared to 3.5 percent in June 1980.

ESTIMATES OF LINCOLN SMSA [1] NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT DATA [2]

Job Count - Workers by Industry

INDUSTRY	June 1981 [3]	May 1981 [4]	June 1980 [4]	Change From: May 1981	Change From: June 1980	Percent Change From: June 1980
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY	100,706	101,199	101,873	- 493	-1,167	- 1.1
MANUFACTURING	13,378	13,480	13,298	- 102	80	0.6
Durable goods	6,160	6,347	6,039	- 187	121	2.0
Construction material	610	620	685	- 10	- 75	-10.9
Lumber and wood products, except furniture	215	232	217	- 17	- 2	- 0.9
Stone, clay, glass & concrete products	395	388	468	7	- 73	-15.6
Furniture & fixtures	131	131	97	0	34	35.1
Metals	932	964	976	- 32	- 44	- 4.5
Primary metal industries	74	71	67	3	7	10.4
Fabricated metal products, except machinery & trans. equipment	858	893	909	- 35	- 51	- 5.6
Machinery except electrical	590	571	558	19	32	5.7
Farm machinery & equipment	66	66	70	0	- 4	- 5.7
Electrical & electronic machinery, equipment & supplies	1,572	1,682	1,427	- 110	145	10.2
Transportation equipment	1,854	1,872	1,812	- 18	42	2.3
Motor vehicles & motor vehicle equipment	5/	5/	5/	5/	5/	5/
Other durable goods (including instruments; toys & sporting goods; costume jewelry & notions; etc.)	471	507	484	- 36	- 13	- 2.7
Nondurable goods	7,218	7,133	7,259	85	- 41	- 0.6
Food & kindred products	2,256	2,202	2,498	53	- 242	- 9.7
Meat products	5/	5/	5/	5/	5/	5/
Dairy products	261	283	281	- 22	- 20	- 7.1
Grain mill	5/	5/	5/	5/	5/	5/
Other food products (including canned & preserved products; bakery products; sugar & confectionery products; beverages; etc.)	908	889	1,257	19	- 349	-27.8
Textile products & apparel	5/	5/	5/	5/	5/	5/
Printing, publishing & allied industries	2,019	1,998	1,927	21	92	4.8
Chemicals & allied products	866	848	857	18	9	1.1
Other nondurable goods (including rubber & miscellaneous plastics; paper & allied products; etc.)	5/	5/	5/	5/	5/	5/
NONMANUFACTURING	87,328	87,719	88,575	- 391	-1,247	- 1.4
MINING	5/	5/	5/	5/	5/	5/
CONSTRUCTION	3,658	3,633	4,088	25	- 430	-10.5
Building construction - general contractors & operative builders	848	840	1,089	8	- 241	-22.1
Construction other than building cons-ruction - gen. contractors	492	468	763	24	- 271	-35.5
Construction - special trade contractors	2,318	2,325	2,236	- 7	82	3.7
TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATION AND UTILITIES	7,440	7,418	7,544	22	- 104	- 1.4
Railroad transportation	3,346	3,315	3,411	31	- 65	- 1.9
Other transportation (including buses & taxicabs; motor freight transportation & warehousing; etc.)	1,037	1,033	1,041	4	- 4	- 0.4
Communication & electric, gas & sanitary services	3,057	3,070	3,092	- 13	- 35	- 1.1

TRADE	21,536	21,890	21,726	- 354	- 190	- 0.9
Wholesale	5,096	5,075	5,107	21	- 11	- 0.2
Durable goods	2,781	2,793	2,784	- 12	- 3	- 0.1
Nondurable goods	2,315	2,282	2,323	33	- 8	- 0.3
Retail	16,440	16,815	16,619	- 375	- 179	- 1.1
Building materials, hardware, garden supply, & mobile home dealers	646	648	701	- 2	- 55	- 7.8
General merchandise stores	2,052	2,044	2,396	8	- 344	-14.4
Food stores	1,894	1,955	1,765	- 61	129	7.3
Automotive dealers & gasoline service stations	2,072	2,068	2,102	4	- 30	- 1.4
Apparel & accessory stores	1,063	1,087	1,109	- 24	- 46	- 4.1
Furniture, home furnishings, & equipment stores	518	517	496	1	22	4.4
Eating & drinking places	6,114	6,329	6,033	- 215	81	1.3
Miscellaneous retail	2,081	2,167	2,017	- 86	64	3.2
Drug stores & proprietary stores	592	592	549	0	43	7.8
Other miscellaneous retail (including liquor stores; sporting goods stores; jewelry; florists; etc.)	1,489	1,575	1,468	- 86	21	1.4
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	7,058	7,027	7,018	31	40	0.6
Banking	1,494	1,479	1,406	15	88	6.3
Insurance	3,871	3,850	3,958	21	- 87	- 2.2
Real estate	721	720	710	1	11	1.5
Other finance, insurance, & real estate (including credit agencies other than banks; security & commodity exchange & services; etc.)	972	978	944	- 6	28	3.0
SERVICES EXCEPT DOMESTIC	17,453	17,781	16,996	- 328	457	2.7
Hotels, rooming houses, camps & other lodging places	1,157	1,170	1,004	- 13	153	15.2
Personal services	1,032	1,031	973	1	59	6.1
Business services	3,318	3,403	3,393	- 85	- 75	- 2.2
Automotive repair, services, & garages	424	423	449	1	25	- 5.6
Amusement & recreation	952	884	821	68	131	16.0
Health services	5,263	5,261	5,153	2	110	2.1
Educational services	902	1,202	907	- 300	- 5	- 0.6
Social services	736	746	727	- 10	9	1.2
Membership services	1,545	1,577	1,616	- 32	- 71	- 4.4
Other services (including legal & other professional services; miscellaneous repair services; agricultural services; etc.)	2,124	2,084	1,953	- 32	- 71	- 4.4
GOVERNMENT	30,135	29,920	31,167	215	-1,032	- 3.3
Federal	2,458	2,435	2,817	23	- 359	-12.7
State	17,151	16,711	18,137	440	- 986	- 5.4
Local	10,526	10,774	10,213	- 248	313	3.1

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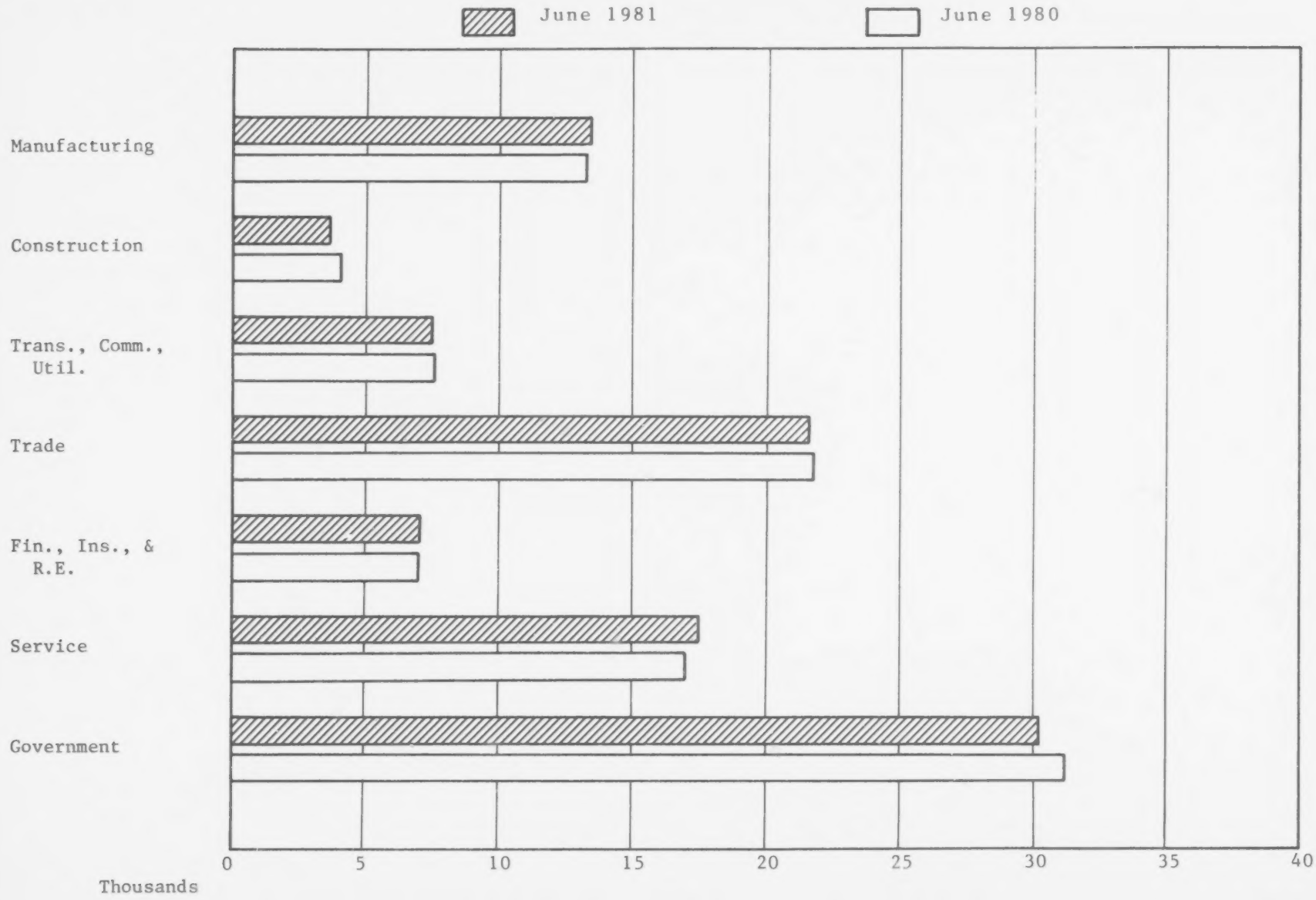

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LINCOLN SMSA [1/] - WORK FORCE ANALYSIS

June 1981 in review . . . . .

The Lincoln SMSA nonagricultural work force decreased by 493 from May 1981 to June 1981, including a drop of 102 in manufacturing and a decline of 391 in nonmanufacturing.

The dip of 102 in manufacturing included a drop of 187 in durable goods along with a small gain of 85 in nondurable goods. The major loss in durable goods was in electrical and electronic machinery, equipment and supplies (-110). The largest gain in nondurable goods was in food and kindred products (53).

Month-to-month increases occurred in government (215), finance-insurance-real estate (31), construction/mining (25), and transportation-communication-utilities (22).

Month-to-month decreases occurred in trade (-354) and in services (-328). The drop of 354 included a small gain of 21 in wholesale trade that was more than offset by a decline of 375 in retail trade. The major loss in retail trade was in eating and drinking places (-215). The chief drop in service was in educational services (-300), following customary seasonal trends.

Annual changes . . . . .

The Nebraska nonagricultural work force dropped by 1,167 from June 1980 to June 1981. This included a slight gain of 80 in manufacturing more than counter-balanced by a decline of 1,247 in nonmanufacturing.

The rise of 80 in manufacturing included an increase of 121 in durable goods and a small dip of 41 in nondurable goods. The major gain in durable goods was in electrical and electronic machinery, equipment and supplies (145).

Month-to-month increases occurred in services (457) and finance-insurance-real estate (40). The predominant increase in service occurred in three categories: hotels, motels and lodging places (153), amusement and recreation (131) and health services (110).

Month-to-month decreases occurred in government (-1,032), construction/mining (-430), trade (-190) and transportation-communication-utilities (-104). The major decrease in government occurred in state government (-986). The drop of 190 in trade included a dip of 11 in wholesale trade and a reduction of 179 in retail trade. The major loss in retail trade was in general merchandise stores (-344).

1/ Lincoln SMSA defined as Lancaster County.

ESTIMATES OF HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING - LINCOLN SMSA

June 1981

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Jun 1981 2/	May 1981 3/	Jun 1980 3/	Jun 1981 2/	May 1981 3/	Jun 1980 3/	Jun 1981 2/	May 1981 3/	Jun 1980 3/
MANUFACTURING - TOTAL	$299.15	$295.29	$276.40	38.5	38.3	37.1	$7.77	$7.71	$7.45
Durable Goods	287.12	276.83	249.38	40.1	39.1	37.5	7.16	7.08	6.65
Machinery and Transportation Equipment	309.61	296.61	261.22	40.9	39.8	37.0	7.57	7.46	7.06
Nondurable Goods	309.04	312.08	296.17	37.1	37.6	36.7	8.33	8.30	8.07
Food and Kindred Products	332.10	337.55	292.47	41.0	42.3	39.1	8.10	7.98	7.48
Printing and Publishing	224.24	229.82	275.65	29.7	30.2	37.2	7.55	7.61	7.41

1/ Source of Data: Current Employment Statistics Program

2/ Preliminary

3/ Revised

Average weekly earnings in Lincoln SMSA manufacturing increased by $3.86 from May 1981 to June 1981, including a gain of $10.29 in durable goods more than offsetting a drop of $3.04 in nondurable goods. Year-to-year, average weekly earnings increased by $22.75, including an increase of $37.74 in durable goods and a gain of $12.87 in nondurable goods. Average weekly hours had a small month-to-month increase of 0.2 hours, and gained year-to-year by 1.4 hours. Average hourly earnings showed a month-to-month gain of $.06, and a year-to-year increase of $.32.

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CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED [1/]

June 1981

	Amount	Percent of Total
SEX:		
MALE	1,087	59.0
FEMALE	755	41.0
RACE/ETHNIC:		
WHITE	1,767	95.9
ALL OTHER RACES	75	4.1
AGE:		
UNDER 22	222	12.1
22 - 44	1,112	60.4
45 & OVER	508	27.5
WEEKS UNEMPLOYED:		
4 OR LESS	857	46.5
5 - 14	618	33.6
15 & OVER	367	19.9

	Amount	Percent of Total
OCCUPATION:		
Professional, Technical and Managerial	427	23.2
Clerical & Sales	251	13.6
Service	183	9.9
Farm & Related	19	1.0
Processing	118	6.4
Machine Trades	59	3.2
Bench Work	88	4.8
Structural Work	543	29.5
Miscellaneous	154	8.4
INDUSTRY:		
Construction & Mining	417	22.6
Manufacturing	464	25.2
Durable Goods	191	10.4
Nondurable Goods	273	14.8
Transportation, Communications & Utilities	50	2.7
Trade (Wholesale & Retail)	344	18.7
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	50	2.7
Services	325	17.6
Government	82	4.5
INA	110	6.0

1/ Source of Data: Percentages computed from a count of all insured unemployed claimants filing at the Lincoln UI AREA CLAIMS CENTER for a one-week period including the 19th of the month. The insured claimant count for June 1981 was 1,842. The Lincoln UI AREA CLAIMS CENTER area defined as Lancaster, Polk, Butler, York, Seward, Fillmore, Saline, Thayer, Jefferson and Gage counties.

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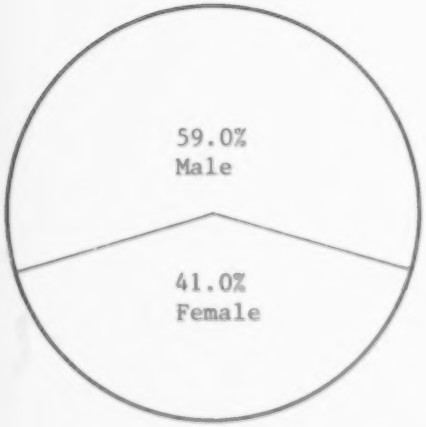
CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED

June 1981



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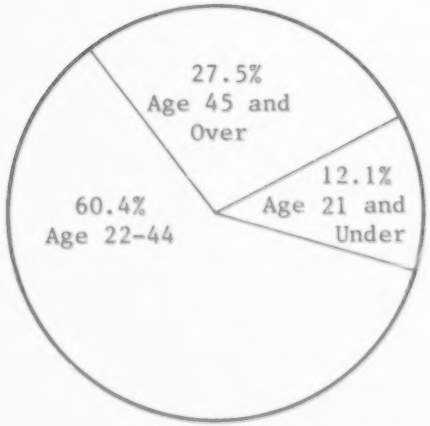

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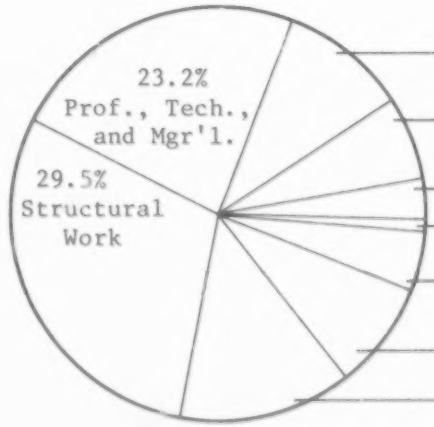

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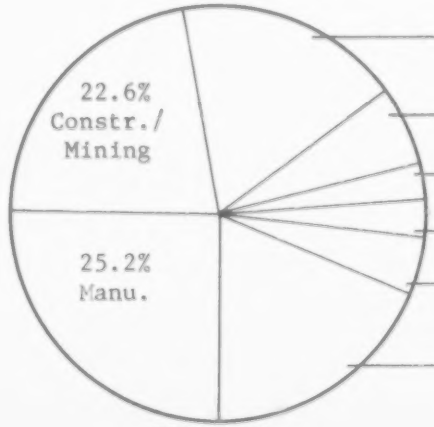

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